

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Holy Spirit, call us to action!" This month we're focusing on being "CARING" - acting & speaking with kindness - and "BALANCED" - taking care of your body, brain, & heart to be healthy. I encourage you to continue this at home with your children, asking where & how they can practice being caring and balanced at home, with their friends, with your family, etc.



NOTES

- * A reminder that we'll have a small class **Halloween party & Trunk or Treat this Thursday**. Students are invited to **bring in a costume** to change in to after lunch (no masks or weapons, please). Kids may bring a treat to share. See the Sign-up Genius from our room moms
- * We'll have **All Saints Day Mass** this Friday morning at 9:30. As always, you're welcome to join us & sit with our 1st grade class at Mass
- * This week we're starting a **new Mystery Science/IB unit** focusing on how we communicate through sound & light. Please read the family letter that came home today for more info
- * **Permission slips** for a new field trip, "Science of Sound" workshop at MoPOP, will be coming home later this week. Please complete both sides & return the form & fee by Monday, 11/04
- * Remember your child's "October" (pumpkins) **reading log is due this Friday, Nov. 1st**. New November logs will come home on Friday
- * November **Scholastic book flyers** will come home Friday. If you'd like to purchase books, please **order online** by next Friday, Nov. 8th
- * Student Council is hosting a **baby needs drive** for families in need through Friday, Nov. 8th. Donations of diapers, wipes, baby wash, diaper ointment, etc. are welcome, & can be placed in the pack 'n play in the school lobby
- * Thank you to you & your child's hard work & enthusiasm, 1st grade was the top selling class in our **Jog-a-thon Fundraiser!** We've earned a pizza party as a reward! (tbd by Parents Club)
- * Remember, **purchasing SCRIP** is a win-win for our school! You can fill out an order & send it in with your child, or purchase SCRIP in person on Friday mornings outside of the office
- * I'm looking for 2 students to "present" during our **Open House Monday**, Nov. 4th from 4:30 - 6:30. Please email me if you/your child is interested (& Mr. Boyle is offering Free Dress coupons for them!)

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Math: My Math Chp. 2: Subtraction Concepts, lessons 9 - 12

(Strategies for subtracting from 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10). You can access materials, homework, games, & more online at My Math

ELA/Reading: Super Kids, Unit 3 lessons 170 - 174 stories & skills focus on using words with -ng and -le sounds, identify rhyming words, & sequencing events. *Please help your child practice their spelling words every night this week for their test on Friday.*

Reading Scholastic News nonfiction weekly article, "Bats Hang Down..." which compares bats & birds

Writing: Unit 3 focuses on narrative writing, teaching kids how to reflect on things that have happened in their lives & how to write those stories in detail & in the order that they happened

Religion: Unit 1: "God, Our Creator & Father." This week, we'll learn how God/the Holy Spirit gives us peace. We'll continue to pray a decade of the Rosary this week, as well as review different saints in preparation for All Saints Day Mass on 11/01

IB: Starting a new IB unit with the theme HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES and central idea that "Exploring light and sound allows humans to create fun & useful things." This week, students will investigate vibrations as a source of sound. They'll learn about sound effects for movies & cartoons, instrument sounds, and how animals use vibrations to communicate & move.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **1st grade garden visit** - Tues. 10/29
- **Picture retakes** - Wed. 10/30
- **Halloween party/Trunk or Treat** - Thurs. 10/31 @ 1:30 p.m.
- **All Saints Day Mass** - Fri. 11/01 at 9:30 a.m.
- **St. Luke Open House** - Mon. 11/04 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- **Veterans Day (NO SCHOOL)** - Mon. 11/11
- **Veterans Day Assembly** - Tues. 11/12 @ 9:30 a.m.



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Second Step:** Home Link lesson 4 due, Fri. 11/01
- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 3 phonics h/w due, Fri. 11/01
Superkids unit 3 Spelling test, Fri. 11/01
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; Oct. reading log due Fri., 11/01