

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Holy Spirit, call us to action!" This month we're focusing on being "INQUIRERS" - nurturing curiosity, developing skills for research, and practicing learning independently and with others. I encourage you to continue this at home with your children, asking them thoughtful questions to continue their learning at home, with their friends, with your family, etc.



NOTES

- * Don't forget to sign up [HERE](#) for **student-led parent-teacher conferences next week!** Remember, students are required to attend, so please plan accordingly!
- * A reminder to help your child read aloud for 10 minutes over break, & record their reading on their **November reading logs**, due the Monday after Thanksgiving Break!
- * We've our **class field trip to MoPOP this Wednesday**, & will be gone all day. Please **send your child with a (disposable) sack lunch & dressed in uniform** (no free dress)
- * We're helping support **St. Vincent de Paul by doing a Warm Clothing & Food Drive** this month. SVDP asks for items like canned soup, canned fruit & vegetables, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly/jam, meals in a can, pasta meals in a box, canned protein, crackers, & cereal. We're also accepting warm clothing like gloves, jackets, hats, scarves, etc. Please send any donations in with your child this week - thank you!
- * The **Scholastic Book Fair** is here! Come stop by the auditorium this week and/or during conferences & purchase some new books!
- * With the holidays approaching, remember that you can **purchase SCRIP to not only help with Christmas shopping, but to help much-needed raise funds** for our school, too!
- * Don't forget to **check the Lost & Found cabinet** before Thanksgiving break!
- * Our class earned a party for their good behavior/teamwork. For **Thursday's party, your child may wear free dress**
- * We'll also have the pizza party we earned (for being top sellers in the St. Luke-a-thon) this Friday, so **don't send your child with a lunch**

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 3: Addition Strategies to 20, lessons 4 - 6 (Using doubles & near doubles to add & solve addition problems)
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 5 lessons 182 - 185 stories & skills focus on spelling & writing words with -ing & -ed ending sounds, identifying action verbs, using antonyms, and recognizing character traits. Reading Scholastic News article, "Long Ago Neighbors," a Thanksgiving-themed article that teaches about the Wampanoag & Pilgrims lived similar & different lives
- Writing:** Unit 5 focuses on descriptive writing, teaching how to write descriptions of physical traits- how something looks and feels- and personality traits- how someone acts. Kids will use both their observation skills and their imaginations in this work
- Religion:** Unit 2: Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. In session 8, Trust in God, we'll learn the difference between needs & wants through praying the Lord's Prayer; oral assessment of prayers
- IB:** Wrapping up our HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES IB unit with the central idea that "Exploring light and sound allows humans to create fun & useful things." This week, students will visit MoPOP for a workshop on the "Science of Sound," & will design something to communicate with sound & light from a distance
- Second Step:** In Bullying Prevention Unit lesson 2, students learn how to identify & report bullying to a caring adult

Happy birthday to-whooo: Grace, 11/04 & Liam, 11/15



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Food & Warm Clothing Drive** - 11/12 - 11/22
- **Scholastic Book Fair** - Mon. 11/18 - Wed. 11/27
- **Field trip to MoPOP** - Wed. 11/20
- **1st grade class party** - Thurs. 11/21
- **Free Dress & 1st grade pizza party** - Fri. 11/22
- **Parent-teacher conferences** - Mon. 11/25, Tues. 11/26, & Wed. 11/27 (a.m.)
- **Thanksgiving Break (no school)** - Mon. 11/25 - Fri. 11/29
- **1st Trimester Report Cards sent home** - Fri. Dec. 6th



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Second Step, Bullying Prevention:** Home Link lesson 2 due, Fri. 11/22
- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 5 Spelling h/w due, Fri. 11/22
Superkids unit 5 Spelling test, Fri. 12/06
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; Nov. reading log due Mon., 12/02