

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Holy Spirit, Call Us to Action." This month, we're focusing on being "knowledgeable" and acquiring information about the world around us. I encourage you to continue this at home, prompting your child to extend their learning by discussing topics we're learning in school with you and your family. Perhaps you've real-world experiences to share with them, or deeper questions to help them apply this knowledge outside of school! :)

Happy birthday
to-who: Eva
(12/13) & Maggie M.
(12/28)



NOTES

- * New reading logs are coming home with your child today, and are **due after Christmas Break on Mon. January 6th**
- * Please encourage your children to **continue reading** (& recording their reading) over the Christmas Break!
- * **Trimester I report cards** will be coming home **Friday** afternoon. Please review this report with your child, sign the envelope, & **return it to me by Friday, Dec. 13th**. Included is a copy of our conference form (to keep)
- * Mark your calendars for our **St. Luke Christmas pageant on Thurs., December 19th at 6:30 p.m.** Students should come dressed in "Sunday best" that evening & arrive in our classroom by 6:15 p.m.
- * With Christmas around the corner, please help support our school as you purchase gifts by using the **SCRIP program!** Forms can be found in the Thursday packet or front office, or you can buy in person Friday mornings
- * Thank you for your generous donations during our **Warm Clothing & Food Drive!** Thanks to your generosity, our class was "top donors" & earned a special party (details TBD)
- * Remember, **if you purchased "December Free Dress Tuesdays"** from the Auction, it starts tomorrow (email me if you're not sure - I've the list)

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 3: Addition Strategies to 20, lessons 7 - 9 (Make 10 to add, add in any order, adding 3 numbers); **test on Fri.**
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 5 lessons 186 - 189 stories & skills focus on spelling & writing words with -ing & -ed ending sounds, identifying action verbs, using antonyms, and recognizing character traits. Reading Super Duper magazine with "Lost!" theme; reading u. 5 Book Club books. Reading Scholastic News article, "It's Winter, Reindeer!" that teaches about unique animal adaptations to help them survive harsh winters
- 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.
- Religion:** During Advent, we'll study the history of Advent calendars & symbols, as well as Jesus' arrival at Christmas
- Second Step:** In Bullying Prevention Unit lesson 3, students learn how to refuse bullying when it happens
- IB:** Starting our HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES IB unit with the central idea that "Christmas is celebrated around the world." Students will learn how different cultures & countries around the world celebrate Christmas through books, videos, & interactive Christmas-themed activities

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tri. I report cards sent home** - Fri. 12/06
- **Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe** - Thurs. 12/12 @ 9:30 a.m.
- **St. Luke Christmas Pageant** - Thurs. 12/19 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Christmas caroling competition** - Fri. 12/20
- **Christmas Break** - Fri. 12/20 (starts @ noon) - 1/05
- **CSW Open House** - Sun. 1/26, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Second Step, Bullying Prevention:** Home Link lesson 3 due, Fri. 12/06
- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 5 Phonics h/w due, Fri. 12/06
Superkids unit 5 Spelling test, Fri. 12/06
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; Dec. reading log due Mon., 1/06
- **Math:** Chp. 3 Addition to 20 test, Fri. 12/06

