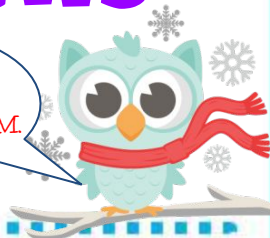


# MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

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

- \* Tri. I report cards came home last Friday afternoon. Please remember to review your child's Trimester I report card, sign the envelope, & **return it to me by Friday, Dec. 13th.** Included is a copy of our conference form - please keep both copies (report card & conference) at home for your reference
- \* Mark your calendars for our St. Luke **Christmas pageant on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m.** Students should come dressed in their "Sunday best" (or school uniform, if not) that evening. Please bring your child to 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 a.m.
- \* Remember, **if you purchased "December Free Dress Tuesdays"** from the Auction, your child can wear free dress tomorrow (email me if you're not sure - I've the list)
- \* Starting Tri. 2, your child will have a little more grammar included in their **weekly spelling homework activities.** I still encourage your child to practice their words daily & do a bit of the homework per day. I'm attaching a sample that shows how it can be broken up in a typical week
- \* Look for an email from our room moms regarding details for our upcoming class **Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 20th**

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

**Math:** My Math Chp. 4: Subtraction Strategies to 20, lessons 1 - 4

(Counting back, use number lines, use doubles, & problem solving)

**ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 5 lessons 190 - 193 stories & skills

focus on spelling & writing words with long & short vowel

sounds, identifying dialogue, & writing with quotation marks.

**Writing:** Unit 6 focuses on informational writing. Children will

first make a list of topics they know a lot about, and then write

facts and draw diagrams for some of those topics. Their work

will be collected in a class book.

**Religion:** In unit 2 lesson 9, "Jesus Rises from the Dead" we'll

study Jesus' Resurrection story & recognize how Jesus is always

with us. During this 2nd Week of Advent, we'll also focus on how

we can bring peace to the world, reading The Peace Book by Todd

Parr & writing original poetry on peace

**Second Step:** In Bullying Prevention Unit lesson 4, students

learn how to bystanders can help prevent bullying

**IB:** Working in our HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES IB unit with the

central idea that "Christmas is celebrated around the

world." Students are learning how different cultures &

countries around the world celebrate Christmas through

books, videos, & interactive Christmas-themed activities

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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, 11 a.m.
- **1st grade Christmas party** - Fri. 12/20, 8:45 - 10:00 a.m.
- **Christmas Break** - Fri. 12/20 (starts @ noon) - 1/05
- **CSW Open House** - Sun. 1/26, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Misc.:** (Signed) Tri. I report cards due, Fri. 12/13
- **Second Step, Bullying Prevention:** Home Link lesson 4 due, Fri. 12/13
- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 6 Spelling h/w due, Fri. 12/13  
Superkids unit 6 Spelling test, Thurs. 12/19
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; Dec. reading log due Mon., 1/06

