

January 6th, 2020

# MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

In keeping with our school's theme, "Holy Spirit, Call Us to Action," this month we're focusing on the IB attribute of being "principled." This means acting with integrity & honesty - doing what's right, even if no one is watching or reminding you (their words). It also includes accepting responsibility for our actions, as well as their consequences. I encourage you to continue these discussions at home, and help your child identify ways to practice being principled at home, too!



## NOTES

- \* **January reading logs** came home today, & are **due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please help your child record their daily reading by coloring in a snowman for each day they read 10 min. (or more)
- \* (Signed) **December reading logs** were due today - please help get those in ASAP. Thank you!
- \* **Scholastic book flyers** came home today. If you'd like to purchase some books for the new year, please submit orders online [here](#) by Friday evening
- \* Our class will be having an **"Electronics & popcorn" party this Thursday, Jan. 9th**, earned by the awesome participation we had during our Warm Clothing & Food Drive! *Your child is invited to bring in 1 electronic - an iPad, gaming device, tablet, etc. (please no phones) to play games on, and we'll provide the popcorn.*
- \* We'll be taking our **Winter MAP tests** toward the end of this month (exact dates TBD)
- \* I'll also be assessing your child's reading & sight words fluency with **DIBELS tests** starting next week
- \* Look for an **intro letter** for our exciting new IB/Mystery Science unit on stars, seasons, and shadows this week

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 4: Subtraction Strategies to 20, lessons 7 - 8 (Fact families, missing addends, & review of word problems); test on Fri.; review Fall topics for MAP testing at end of month
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 7 lessons 197 - 200 stories & skills focus on spelling words with long vowel + silent e sounds, marking long vowels, & teaching sequence with plot
- Writing:** Unit 7 focuses on opinion writing. Children will write opinions and supporting reasons in response to thought-provoking questions
- Religion:** In Unit 3 session II: Following Jesus, we'll learn about being good friends through the example of Jesus & his apostles; also discussing Epiphany meaning & symbolism
- IB:** Starting our HOW THE WORLD WORKS Mystery Science unit, "Patterns and cycles help people understand the Earth." This week, students will investigate what it takes to make a stationary object's shadow move, & relate these observations to shadows changing throughout the day and the Sun's position moving across the sky
- Art:** Studying medium & perspective with the project, "Winter Evergreens"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Electronics & popcorn party** - Thurs. 1/09
- **1st/2nd grade Mass** - Fri. 1/17 @ 8:35 a.m.
- **MLK, Jr. Day (No School)** - Mon. 1/20
- **Tri. 2 Progress Reports** - Fri. 1/24
- **Magazine Sale begins** - Fri. 1/24
- **CSW Open House** - Sun. 1/26, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Catholic Schools Week (CSW)** - Mon. 1/27 - 1/31
- **Grandparents Brunch** - Wed. 1/29
- **MAP testing** - likely the week of 1/27 - 1/31



## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math:** Chp. 4: Subtraction Strategies to 20 test, Fri. 1/10
- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 7 Spelling h/w due, Fri. 1/10  
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- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; Jan. reading log due Mon., 2/03

