

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

- * We started fluency checks with **DIBELS testing** this week. Reports of their progress will come home with Progress Reports next Friday, Jan. 24th
- * We'll be taking our **Winter MAP tests** next week, assessing the growth they've made over the past few months
- * **Trimester 2 progress reports** will be posted on PowerSchool next Friday, 1/24
- * Please continue to help support our school's **SCRIP program!** Your family's purchases help fund necessary resources here, & keep us on budget! Thank you!
- * Please help your child practice the list of Spelling Bee words for our **Classroom Spelling Bee** next Wednesday, 1/22
- * Join us for our **Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9 a.m., and our Open House** (following Mass) on Sunday, 1/27
- * As part of our CSW celebrations, we're hosting a **"Grandparents Brunch"** following Mass on Wed. 1/29 @ 10:30 a.m. You can RSVP [here](#)
- * Please complete the **Parent Perception Survey**, sent this afternoon, by next Monday, 1/21. Your feedback on this survey helps us shape our school, and is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 5: Place Value lessons 1 - 3 (Numbers 11 - 19, count by 10s); review Fall topics for MAP testing
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 7 lessons 201 - 204 stories & skills focus on spelling words with long vowel + silent e sounds, marking long vowels, & teaching sequence with plot. Reading Scholastic News article, "A Hero's Story," to learn about Martin Luther King Jr.'s life & how he became a civil rights activist
- Writing:** Unit 7 focuses on opinion writing. Children will write opinions and give supporting reasons on a chosen topic
- Religion:** In Unit 3 session II: Following Jesus, we'll learn about being good friends through Jesus & his apostles
- IB:** Continuing in our HOW THE WORLD WORKS Mystery Science unit, "Patterns and cycles help people understand the Earth." This week, students will develop a mobile paper model of the sun's daily path across the sky, then use this model to help someone who's lost. They'll also read a book and learn that the sun stays up longer on some days than others. It also includes a short exercise where students get moving by acting out a bedtime routine.
- Art:** Making suncatchers as part of our IB unit

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **1st/2nd grade Mass** - Fri. 1/17 @ 8:35 a.m.
- **MLK, Jr. Day (No School)** - Mon. 1/20
- **Classroom Spelling Bee** - Wed. 1/22
- **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
- **St. Luke International Fest** - Fri. 1/31 @ 6 p.m.
- **MAP testing** - Thurs. 2/06 & Fri. 2/07



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 7 Spelling h/w due, Fri. 1/17
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- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; Jan. reading log due Mon., 2/03

