

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 continue fluency checks with **DIBELS testing** this week & next. Reports of their progress will go home with your child next Friday, Jan. 31st
- * **Permission slips** for a trip to the Pacific Science Center & Planetarium on Feb. 5th is coming home with your child today; please sign & **return it by 1/27**
- * **Trimester 2 progress reports** will be posted on PowerSchool this Friday, 1/24. Please sign & return your child's envelope **by next Friday, 1/31**
- * Please continue to help support our school's **SCRIP program!** Your family's purchases help fund necessary resources here, & keep us on budget
- * Please help your child practice the list of Spelling Bee words for our **Classroom Spelling Bee** this Wednesday, 1/22
- * Join us for our **Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9 a.m., and our Open House** (following Mass) on Sunday, 1/26
- * As part of CSW celebrations, we're hosting a **"Grandparents Brunch"** after Mass on Wed. 1/29 @ 10:30 a.m. RSVP [here](#)
- * Please complete the **Parent Perception Survey**, sent this afternoon, by Tuesday, 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 3 - 5 (Count by 10s using dimes, Ten & some more, & Tens & Ones); reviewing skip counting by 2s, 5s, & 10s & rounding numbers
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 7 lessons 205 - 207 stories & skills focus on spelling long vowel + silent e with -ing & -ed words & identify problem & solution in stories. Reading Scholastic News article, "Penguins Don't Need Boots" to learn how penguins adapt to live in their environment
- Writing:** Unit 7 focuses on opinion writing. Children will write opinions and give supporting reasons on a chosen topic. Also writing cards for Catholic Schools Week
- Religion:** In Unit 3 session 12, Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit, we'll learn about how the Holy Spirit guides and helps us
- IB:** Continuing in our HOW THE WORLD WORKS Mystery Science unit, "Patterns and cycles help people understand the Earth." This week, students will use a model to investigate why the stars are visible at night, but disappear when the sun comes out during the day. In the activity, Star Projector, students use paper cups to project stars onto a sky picture, and observe what happens to these stars when a flashlight acts as a model of the sun

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Classroom Spelling Bee** - Wed. 1/22
- **Tri. 2 Progress Reports posted** - Fri. 1/24
- **Magazine Sale begins** - Fri. 1/24
- **CSW Mass & Open House** - Sun. 1/26, 9 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.
- **Field trip to Planetarium** - Wed. 2/05, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **MAP testing (1st grade)** - Thurs. 2/06 & Fri. 2/07



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 8 wk. 1 Spelling h/w due, Fri. 1/24
Superkids unit 8 Spelling tests, Fri. 1/31
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; Jan. reading log due Mon., 2/03
- **Misc.:** Tri. 2 (signed) progress report envelopes due, Fri. 1/31

