

# MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

This month, we're focusing on the IB attribute of being "principled," which means acting with integrity & honesty. We're reinforcing that it means "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 throughout the day!



## NOTES

- \* We're wrapping up **DIBELS phonics & fluency testing** this week. Reports of your child's progress will go home Fri.
- \* Please fill out & return those **permission slips** to the Pacific Science Center & Planetarium next Feb. 5th. I'm still looking for 2 drivers (currently I have Nordtvedt, Ruff, & Rybalkin); if you can drive, please email me ASAP - thank you!
- \* Please go online (PowerSchool) to check your child's **Trimester 2 progress report grades**, then sign & return your child's envelope **by this Friday, 1/31**
- \* Please remind any grandparents to RSVP **here** ASAP for **Wednesday's "CSW Grandparents Brunch"** (RSVPs due today)
- \* Please help support our school's fundraising goals by purchasing (or selling) items from our **St. Luke Magazine Sale**, running now through Fri. 2/07
- \* Congratulations to our class **Spelling Bee winners** Brielle, Serafina, Jameson, & Liam! They'll represent our class at the School Spelling Bee next Friday, 2/07
- \* Remember, signed **January reading logs** are due Monday, Feb. 2nd
- \* Happy **Catholic Schools Week!** This week we honor: you - the parents - on Tuesday, our St. Luke community on Wednesday, teachers & staff on Thursday, & students on Friday
- \* As part of **Student Appreciation Day**, students are treated to free dress, activities at lunch, & a "Magic Charlie" basketball assembly

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 5: Place Value lessons 5 - 7 (Tens & Ones, Problem Solving with Place Value, & Numbers to 100); reviewing skip counting by 2s, 5s, & 10s & rounding numbers
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 7 lessons 208 - 210 stories & skills focus on spelling long vowel + silent e with -ing & -ed words & identify problem & solution in stories. Reading Scholastic News article, "Life in 100 Years" to explore ways in which our world might change in 100 years from now
- Writing:** Finishing up Unit 7 opinion writing pieces. Children will write opinions and give supporting reasons on a chosen topic. Also finishing 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:** Finishing up our HOW THE WORLD WORKS Mystery Science unit, "Patterns and cycles help people understand the Earth." This week, students will read a story to explore how stars, like the Big Dipper & North Star can help you navigate your way. They'll also learn about cardinal directions (North, South, East, & West) & practice using a compass. Additionally, we'll be studying phases of the Moon, using an activity with Oreos to model what the moon looks like in phases
- Second Step:** Unit 2, lesson 6 helps students practice identifying feelings to help empathize and understand their peers

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Magazine Sale** - Fri. 1/24 - Fri. 2/07
- **Catholic Schools Week (CSW)** - Mon. 1/27 - 1/31
- **St. Luke Roller Skating Party** - Tues. 1/27, 6 - 8 p.m. @ Lynnwood Bowl & Skate
- **Mass & Grandparents Brunch** - Wed. 1/29 (Mass at 9:30; brunch afterwards)
- **Author (Eric Ode) Assembly** - Wed. 1/29 @ 2:15
- **Student Appreciation Day** - "Magic Charlie" assembly & free dress - Fri. 1/31
- **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
- **Valentine's Day Class Party** - Thurs. 2/13 @ 11 a.m.
- **Presidents' Day Weekend** - noon dismissal on Thurs. 2/13 - Mon. 2/17

## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Second Step:** Lesson 6 home link due, Fri. 1/31
- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 8 wk. 2 Spelling h/w due, Fri. 1/31  
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- **Misc.:** Tri. 2 (signed) progress report envelopes due, Fri. 1/31
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; January reading log due Mon., 2/03

