

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

- * 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.
- * Our **class Christmas party** will be this Friday from 8:45 - 10 a.m. Please see the email from our room moms about supplies or volunteers needed
- * Listen for the sounds of St. Luke staff **singing carols at carpool** 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)
- * With our Christmas party & caroling auditions/program Friday - & our Christmas program Thursday evening - we'll be having our **u.6 Spelling test on Thursday**, not Friday, this week. Please help your child complete their Spelling homework & study accordingly. Thanks!
- * A reminder to help your child continue to read at least 10 minutes a day - and record their reading - over the holiday break! **December reading logs** are due the Monday, Jan. 6th

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 4: Subtraction Strategies to 20, lessons 4 - 6 (Subtraction problem solving, make 10 to subtract, & use related facts to subtract)
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 5 lessons 194 - 196 stories & skills focus on spelling & writing words with long & short vowel sounds, identifying short & long vowels, & writing with dialogue
- Writing:** Unit 6 focuses on informational writing. Children will finish researching information on their chosen topic, writing facts and drawing a diagram for their topics. Then they'll write a page on their topic, which will be collected into a class book
- Religion:** During this 3rd Week of Advent, we'll focus on how we can bring & practice joy in the world; finishing discussions of Advent symbolism & the Church's liturgical calendar
- Second Step:** Review of the 3 R's of Bullying Prevention - recognize, report, & refuse bullying
- IB:** Wrapping up our HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES IB unit with the central idea that "Christmas is celebrated around the world." As our summative assessments, students are choosing a country (either one studied in class, or one they're interested in researching) & writing a mini report on their country's Christmas traditions

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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
- **MLK, Jr. Day (No school)** - Mon. 1/20
- **Tri. 2 Progress Reports** - Fri. 1/24
- **CSW Open House** - Sun. 1/26, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **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

