

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

In tying with our school year theme, "Holy Spirit, Call us to Action," this month we are practicing the IB trait of being "open-minded." As a class, we discussed how this means listening to other ideas besides our own, trying new things (a new game, food, friends, etc.), & accepting other ways of doing things. I encourage you to continue these conversations at home, asking your child how they've been open-minded today.



NOTES

- * I'm still looking for at least 1 - 2 more drivers for Wednesday's field trip to the Pacific Science Center. Currently I have Nordtvedt, Ruff, & Rybalkin. If you can drive, please email me ASAP - thank you!
- * For Wednesday's field trip, please plan on sending your child with a **labeled sack lunch in uniform** (no free dress coupons).
- * We'll be taking our Winter **MAP tests this week**. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep Wed. & Thurs. evening in & eats a full breakfast both mornings
- * We'll be having a class **Valentines' Day** party on **Thursday, 2/13**. Please see the email from our awesome room parents for details
- * Please help support our school's **Winter Fundraising** goals by purchasing (or selling) items from our **St. Luke Magazine Sale**, running now through this Fri. 2/07
- * A reminder that **January reading logs** were due today. Please get those (signed) logs in ASAP if you haven't yet. New **February logs** came home today, & are due Fri. 2/28 (apologies for the error on their logs!)
- * I sent home a **DIBELS report** detailing your child's progress in phonics & reading fluency skills. Please review this & let me know if you've any questions over the data (we'll be discussing them at Spring conferences, too)
- * We'll be celebrating our **100th day of school** here soon with a couple of "100th day" activities - stay tuned for more details!
- * Come see our middle school's production of **Mary Poppins 2/20 - 2/22!** Get tickets [here](#)

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 5: Place Value lessons 8 - 11 (Ten More & Ten Less, Count by 5's Using Nickels, Using Models & Symbols to compare #s); skip counting review; reviewing for Winter MAP test (test on Fri. 2/07)
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 9 lessons 211 - 214 stories & skills focus on spelling CVVC (vowel teams), identifying long & short vowels, & using sequence words. Reading Scholastic News article, "Bear Cub Checkup" to explore ways scientists care for local bear cubs; reviewing for Winter MAP test test on Thurs. 2/06)
- Writing:** Unit 9 focuses on narrative writing. Children will plan & write personal narratives about important events in their lives that include a coherent beginning, middle, and end
- Religion:** In Unit 3 session 13, Jesus Teaches Us to Share, children learn to share kindness and love with others to express God's love
- IB:** Finishing up our HOW THE WORLD WORKS Mystery Science unit, "Patterns and cycles help people understand the Earth." This week, we'll discuss renewable energy sources, like the sun, & how solar energy is impacted by the sun's movement in the sky. Students will also apply their knowledge of patterns and cycles of the Earth in a final summative assessment piece
- Second Step:** Unit 2, lesson 7 helps students look for clues to identify how others are feeling, building empathy skills
- Art:** Teaching color mixing concepts with watercolors. Students will paint a Kandinsky-inspired heart made of concentric circles

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Winter Fundraiser (Magazine Sale) - now - Fri. 2/07**
- **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**
- **School Spelling Bee - Fri. 2/07 at 9:30 a.m.**
- **St. Luke Italian Dinner - Sun. 2/09 (several times available - RSVP)**
- **Valentine's Day Class Party - Thurs. 2/13 @ 11 a.m.**
- **Presidents' Day Weekend - noon dismissal on Thurs. 2/13 - Mon. 2/17**
- **St. Luke's Mary Poppins play - Thurs. 2/20 - Sat. 2/22**



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 9 wk 1 Spelling h/w due, Fri. 2/07
Superkids unit 9 Spelling tests, Thurs. 2/13
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; February reading log due Fri., 2/28