

# 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

- \* We'll be having a class **Valentines' Day** party on **Thursday, 2/13**. We'll be making Valentine bags during the party, so no need to send them with anything. Please see the email from our awesome room parents for more details on the party & Valentines
- \* Please help support our school's **Winter Fundraising** goals by purchasing (or selling) items from our **St. Luke Magazine Sale**. The sale has been **extended to this Friday, 2/14**
- \* A reminder to help your child for at least 10 minutes every night, & to record it on their **February logs** came home today. Logs are due Fri. 2/28 (apologies for the error)
- \* We'll be celebrating our **100th day of school** next **Wednesday, Feb. 19th!** We'll be celebrating with "100th day" activities, including dressing up as though we're 100 years old, having a little parade around the school, & having "Zero the Hero" visit! Please see the letter attached (hard copies sent home last week) for more details
- \* Come see our middle school's production of **Mary Poppins** next week (2/20 - 2/22)! Get tickets [here](#)
- \* A reminder that we will be dismissing at noon on Thursday, and have no school on Friday & Monday! Enjoy your **Mid-Winter break**, and we'll see you Tuesday, 2/18!
- \* Please note, then, that our **unit 9 spelling test** will be on Thursday, not Friday. Please help your child complete their spelling packet, and study, for this test on Thursday

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 5: Place Value lessons 12 - 14 (Numbers to 120, Count, Read, & Write Numbers to 120) & Chp. 5 review. Test on Wed., 2/19. Review addition facts, taking 1st timed test on Fri., 2/21
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 9 lessons 215 - 219 stories & skills focus on spelling CVVC (vowel teams) words, identifying long, silent, & short vowels; reading Scholastic News article, "Lincoln the Leader," to learn about presidents for upcoming Presidents' Day; reading biographies of African American heroes throughout history
- 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
- Second Step:** Unit 2, lesson 8 helps students identify similarities and differences in how we feel about different situations
- IB:** Starting our new WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE & TIME IB unit with the central idea that: *How Families Live Around the World is Shaped by Environment*. We'll be reading books about how & where kids and families from around the world live, go to school, get food, shop, play, etc. Please read the letter I'll be sending home Wednesday for more details
- Art:** Teaching line design with another Valentine-themed art project

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **Magazine Fundraiser**, now - Fri. 2/14
- \* **Valentine's Day Class Party**, Thurs. 2/13 @ 11 a.m.
- \* **Noon dismissal (teachers' in-service)**, Thurs. 2/13
- \* **Mid-Winter Break (no school)**, Fri. 2/14 - Mon. 2/17
- \* **St. Luke's Mary Poppins play**, Thurs. 2/20 - Sat. 2/22
- \* **Lenten Food Drive**, Mon. 2/24 - 3/06
- \* **Ash Wednesday Mass (Lent begins)**, Wed. 2/26 @ 9:30 a.m.



## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 9 wk 2 Spelling h/w due, Thurs. 2/13  
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- **Math:** Chp. 5: Place Value test, Wed. 2/19
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; February reading log due Fri., 2/28