

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

- * Remember **signed February reading logs** are due this Fri. 2/28 (apologies for the error on the reading log)
- * New **March shamrock-themed reading logs** will come home Friday, too
- * Today we kick off our **SVDP Lenten food drive**, & we need your help! Any donations of: peanut butter, jelly, soups, canned protein (ham, chicken, or tuna), canned meals (ravioli, spaghetti-o's, etc.), crackers, cereal (hot & cold), or spaghetti sauce **by March 6th** would help keep families fed this Winter
- * A reminder to continue **purchasing SCRIP** - this is a free and easy way to support our school & extracurricular programs
- * **Lent starts this Wednesday, Feb. 26th.** We'll be discussing ways we can prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming at Easter, focusing on prayer, fasting, and penance. I encourage you to continue those conversations at home, asking your child what they can give up for 40 days, and what they can add in (maybe prayer or service to others)
- * You're invited to join (and sit with us) for a schoolwide **Ash Wednesday Mass this Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m.**
- * Friday is "**free dress Friday**," but in honor of those families fighting childhood cancer, we're asking **ALL students to wear a yellow or gold shirt.** We'll be taking a school photo later in the afternoon to send to Abner & his family

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** My Math Chp. 6: 2-Digit Addition lessons 2 - 4 (Count on 10s and 1s, Add 10s and 1s, & Problem Solving Strategies); review subtraction facts, taking timed test on Friday (we'll test on these + & - facts every 2 weeks)
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 10 lessons 223 - 226 stories & skills focus on spelling contractions with "not" & compound words. Reading SUPER DUPER article on homing pigeons. Reading Scholastic News article, "Smile Like a Crocodile," to learn about how the shape of different animal's teeth helps them in various ways. Continuing to read biographies of African American heroes for Black History Month
- Writing:** Unit 10 builds on the narrative writing done in unit 9, asking students to edit & write final drafts of a personal narrative (from u.9). Students write about an important event in their lives, using sequence words to include a beginning, middle, and end
- Religion:** Preparing for Lent by learning about Lenten symbols & the traditions & history of Mardi Gras & Ash Wednesday. Also studying St. Andre Bessette as part of Lenten virtues unit
- Second Step:** Unit 2, lesson 9 helps students identify their feelings - as well as others' feelings
- IB:** Working in our WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE & TIME IB unit with the central idea that *How Families Live Around the World is Shaped by Environment*. This week students will learn about how families in North & South American countries live, go to school, get food, shop, play, etc. Students will complete a visa page in their own passports as they "visit" Canada, Mexico, Argentina, & Brazil

As per Fr. Brad's request, our entire school will be attending **Mass every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. during Lent.** Masses start March 4th - and you're welcome to join us!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **Lenten Food Drive**, Mon. 2/24 - 3/06
- * **Ash Wednesday Mass (Lent begins)**, Wed. 2/26 @ 9:30 a.m.
- * **St. Luke State of the School**, Thurs. 2/27
- * **Free Dress (wear yellow shirts for childhood cancer)**, Fri. 2/28
- * **Lenten Mass**, Wed. 3/04 at 2:30 p.m.
- * **Teacher In-service (no school)**, Fri. 3/13
- * **End of 2nd Trimester (report cards sent home)**, Fri. 3/20
- * **Spring Conferences**, Thurs. 3/26 & Fri. 3/27
- * **Easter Break** (noon dismissal on) Fri. 4/10 - 4/19

HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Language Arts:** Superkids Unit 10 wk 2 Spelling h/w due, Fri. 2/28
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- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; February reading log due Fri., 2/28