

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 "risk takers." We talked about how this might look like sitting somewhere different at lunch, playing with someone new at recess, trying a new food, sharing a creative idea, and speaking out more in class. I encourage you to talk about this with your child, and ask them how he/she can practice taking risks at home.



NOTES

- * Remember we've our [field trip](#) to see the play, [Showtime with Shakespeare on Wednesday, March 25th](#). Thank you to Mrs. Klosterman, Mrs. Nordtvedt, Mr. Ruff, Mr. Short, Mrs. Hewitt, & Mrs. Valtinson for driving! We recognize there are concerns with the spread of COVID-19, but after thought & consideration, we still plan to attend unless we hear differently - & directly - from the theater
- * March [book flyers](#) were sent home last week, & [orders are due tomorrow, 3/10 by 6 p.m.](#) Click on [Book Orders](#) to purchase books online
- * Thank you for your generous donations of food for the SVDP [Lenten food drive!](#) With the need still high, Mr. Boyle is extending the food drive for the next several weeks, so if you've any extra food to spare, please consider donating it to the Parish food bank & feed those families in need. Thank you!
- * [Kids Heart Challenge](#) activities start this week, with [1st graders jump-rope on Tuesday morning](#). 1st graders can wear "[free dress](#)" athletic gear & shoes (so they can still jump rope). If you're able to donate money for this great cause, or want more info, refer to the yellow flyer sent last week
- * Amidst all of COVID-19 news, we, as a school & class are making extra, proactive efforts to keep your children [safe, healthy, & to decrease the spread of germs](#). This includes using Lysol wipes to clean our desks & chairs daily, using Lysol wipes to clean doorknobs, handles, rails, & other surfaces 2+ times a day, using hand sanitizer before snack & lunch, after recess, & before using iPads, reviewing proper hand-washing routines, & reviewing coughing/sneezing into our sleeves
- * Our [2nd Trimester ends this Thursday](#), March 12th. Please help make sure any late or absent papers get finished up & turned in by Thursday - thank you!
- * Report cards & Winter MAP test reports will be sent home next [Friday, March 20th](#). Please review those reports (they're yours to keep), then sign & return your child's envelope by the following Friday

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math:** [My Math](#) Chp. 6: 2-Digit Addition test on Tues. Chp. 7: Organize & Use Graphs lessons 1 & 2 (Tally charts & making tables); review addition facts, taking timed test on Friday (we'll test every 2 weeks)
- ELA/Reading:** [Super Kids](#), Unit II lessons 231 - 233 stories & skills focus on spelling words with "y" or "ay" that sounds like long i, long e, or long a. Reading *Scholastic News* article, "Don't Mess with this Dad!" to learn how frog dads care for their eggs & life cycles of frogs
- Writing:** Unit II focuses on how-to writing, & students will work together to write a recipe. They'll also compile a list they know "how to" do, & pick a topic to write about, detailing materials needed & the steps you'd take. Also doing a "Who is Worth More than Gold?" St. Patrick's Day themed writing prompt
- Religion:** Preparing for Lent by studying a saint who demonstrates a specific Lenten virtue chosen for the week. This week we're learning about St. Albert the Great, an example of studiousness
- Second Step:** Unit 2, lesson 11 helps students learn how to show compassion (care & concern) to others
- 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 European & Asian countries live, go to school, get food, shop, play, etc. Students will complete a visa page for their passports as they "visit" 2-3 countries within each continent

As per Fr. Brad's request, our entire school will be attending [Mass every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. during Lent](#). We will sit as school families, not as a 1st grade class, but please consider joining - and sitting with your child - if you can!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Lenten Food Drive](#), now - Easter
- [Kids Heart Challenge \(1st grade\) & free dress](#), Tues. 3/10
- [Lenten Mass](#), Wed. 3/11 at 2:30 p.m.
- [Teacher in-service \(no school\)](#), Fri. 3/13
- [Lenten Mass](#), Wed. 3/18 at 2:30 p.m.
- [End of 2nd Trimester \(report cards sent home\)](#), Fri. 3/20
- [1st & 2nd grade field trip to Shakespeare play](#), Wed. 3/25
- [Lenten Mass](#), Wed. 3/25 at 2:30 p.m.
- [Spring Conferences](#), Thurs. 3/26 (12 - 8 p.m.) & Fri. 3/27 (8 am. - 4 p.m.)
- [Easter Break](#), Fri. 4/10 (12:00 dismissal) - 4/19



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math:** Chp. 6: 2-digit Addition test, Tues. 3/10
- **Language Arts:** [Superkids](#) unit II wk 2 Spelling h/w due, Thurs. 3/12
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- **Second Step:** Home link lesson 11 h/w due Thurs. 3/12
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; March reading log due Wed. 4/01