

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Igniting Hope: One Light, Many Candles." This month, we'll focus on being "inquirers" - nurturing curiosity, developing skills for research, and practicing learning independently and with others. I encourage you to continue this at home with your children, asking them thoughtful questions to continue their learning at home, with their friends, with your family, etc. Want some resources or research links to further learning? Check out <http://wg.wonderopolis.org/> for some excellent ideas!



NOTES

- * Please send your child **healthy, masked**, and with the **JotForm link** filled out prior to dropping off your child each morning. This keeps our class, me, and other St. Luke staff as healthy & safe as possible. Notice that your child is showing cold or COVID symptoms? Please refer to the COVID-19 protocols attached & email me ASAP
- * To help support our community, we're **collecting food** for our local parish food bank - and we need your help! If you're able to donate non-perishable foods, please send them in with your child this week and/or next week. Thank you for help us support our goal of 100% participation!
- * **Parent-teacher conference** are next week. Remember to sign up **here** for a 20-minute time slot for you, me, and your child to meet and discuss their progress. Zoom links & Google Calendar invites will be sent this week
- * With the **Thanksgiving holiday (Nov. 23rd - 27th)** approaching, we remind you that travel increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself & others. If you decide you must travel, **please review CDC's updated website** on **Travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic** & their guidelines on what to do before, during, & after travel
- * If you'd like to **borrow books from our St. Luke library**, you're invited to request them online OR write requests on a labeled post-it note & send it in your child's h/w folder (I'll get it to Mrs. Feucht)
- * Remember you can **purchase SCRIP** and help raise money for our school! Print out the SCRIP order form (from the Thursday packet) and send it in with your child, and orders will be sent home

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math (1st grade):** My Math Chp. 3: 2-Digit Addition lessons 1 - 5; Chp. 3 Check My Progress quiz; practicing skip counting by 10s & 5s
- Math (2nd grade):** My Math Chp. 3: 2-Digit Addition lessons 5 - 7; Chp. 3 review; **Chp. 3 test on Friday**
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 4 lessons 1 - 5 stories & skills focus on -er & -ed pattern words & using different end punctuation. Reading Scholastic News article, "A Heart Full of Thanks" to learn how to practice gratitude during this Thanksgiving season
- Writing:** Unit 4, narrative writing: using a graphic organizer to plan, then write, a personal narrative story
- Religion:** Finding God lesson 7, Jesus Teaches Us, explores how Jesus taught us how to love & live through the Lord's Prayer
- Second Step:** Exploring lesson 6, "Identifying Feelings," to learn to name feelings when presented with physical cues, like body language, and to build empathy skills
- Science (IB):** Working in our *How We Organize Ourselves* Mystery Science IB unit, "Exploring light and sound allows humans to create fun and useful things." In lesson 3, "What if there were no windows?" we'll examine different materials and explore how they let light through. In lesson 4, "Can you see in the dark?" students will explore sources of light around them & practice using a Dark Box to experience "seeing" in the dark
- Art:** "Into the Woods," a Vincent Van Gogh-inspired project

Unit 4 Week 1 Spelling list:

- after
- never
- better
- winter
- summer
- rested
- twisted
- planted
- printed
- acted



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fall Food Drive**, 11/09 - 11/20
- **Virtual Open House**, Mon. 11/16, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences**, Mon. 11/23 - Tues. 11/24
- **Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)**, Mon. 11/23 - Fri. 11/27
- **End of 1st Trimester**, Fri. 11/27
- **1st Trimester report cards** sent home, Fri. 12/04



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (2nd grade):** Chp. 3: 2-digit Addition test, Fri. 11/20
- **Second Step:** Lesson 6 home link due, Fri. 11/20
- **ELA:** Unit 4 Backpack Pages 30 - 33 due, Fri. 11/20
Superkids unit 4 week 1 Spelling test, Fri. 11/20
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night (& color turkey on reading log)
November reading log due Tues. 12/01