

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Igniting Hope: One Light, Many Candles." This month, we'll focus on being "principled." This means acting with integrity & honesty - choosing to do what's right, even if no one is watching or reminding you, and making choices to benefit others, not just ourselves. It also includes accepting responsibility for our actions, as well as their consequences. I encourage you to continue these discussions at home, and help your child identify ways to practice being principled at home, too!



NOTES

- * Please send your child **healthy, masked**, and with the **JotForm link** filled out prior to dropping off your child each morning. Notice that your child is showing cold or COVID-19 symptoms? Refer to the COVID-19 protocols attached & email me & Mrs. Max ASAP
- * Next week I'll start middle-of-year **DIBELS testing** to assess your child's reading, fluency, & phonics skills. Parent reports will be shared with Tri. 2 Progress Reports (1/22)
- * We'll be taking our **Winter MAP tests** in the next few weeks, assessing the growth they've made over the past few months
- * **Catholic Schools Week** starts on Jan. 31st. I'll share out specific activities & details of dress up days next week, but mark your calendar for our live-streamed CSW Mass, Jan. 31st at 9 a.m.
- * If you'd like to **borrow books from our St. Luke library**, you're invited to request them **online** OR write & send requests on a labeled post-it note
- * Please **sign** and send in your child's **December reading logs** ASAP (due 1/04)
- * **Scholastic book flyers** will come home on Monday. If you'd like to purchase books, please submit orders online **here** by Friday, 1/15
- * On **asynchronous Fridays**, please have your child call in for our Morning Meeting on **Zoom** at 8:45 a.m., & I'll share directions for their SK test. Ms. Feucht will lead an optional Library storytime at 10 a.m. on **her Zoom**. Ms. Dirska will post a Music activity, and Mrs. Diaz will post a P.E. activity, on Google Classroom to complete

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math (1st grade):** My Math Chp. 4: 2-Digit Subtraction lessons 5 - 8; practicing skip counting by 10s & 5s; assess + fact fluency (0-20)
- Math (2nd grade):** My Math Chp. 5: Place Value lessons 5 - 7; Chp. 5 review; **Chp. 5 test on Friday (async)**; assess + fact fluency (0-20)
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 6 lessons 6 - 10 stories & skills focus on long vowel pattern words; practice using end punctuation, quotation marks for dialogue, & capitalization. Reading Scholastic News article, "We're In This Together" to learn about the efforts of Martin Luther King, Jr. & identify ways kids can advocate for & support one another
- Writing:** Unit 6, informational writing - researching, then writing fact cards and paragraphs about topics of personal interest
- Religion:** Finding God lesson 9, Jesus Rises from the Dead, to learn about Jesus' Resurrection & how he's always with us
- Second Step:** Lesson 9, "Feelings Change" to learn awareness of our feelings and others & demonstrate welcoming & inviting behaviors
- Science (IB):** Working in our *How the World Works* Mystery Science IB unit, "Patterns and cycles help people understand the earth." In lesson 3, "How can the sun help you if you're lost?" we'll examine the sun's daily patterns, using a model of the sun to explore its positions. In lesson 4, "Why do you have to go to bed early in the summer?" students will explore daylight & seasonal patterns
- Art (w/ Mrs. Diaz):** suncatcher & color wheel mixing activities (see GC)
- Music (w/ Ms. Dirska):** async lesson on Friday (see Google Classroom)

Unit 6 Week 2 Spelling list:

- game
- same
- ride
- side
- said
- only
- you
- out
- of
- here

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Scholastic book flyer orders due**, Fri. 1/15
- **Async Friday (online learning)** - Fri. 1/15
- **MLK, Jr. Day (No School)** - Mon. 1/18
- **Async Friday (online learning)** - Fri. 1/22
- **Tri. 2 Progress Reports shared** - Fri. 1/22
- **Async Friday (online learning)** - Fri. 1/29
- **Catholic Schools Week Mass** - Sun. 1/31 @ 9 a.m. (on Facebook Live)
- **Catholic Schools Week (CSW)** - Mon. 2/01 - 2/04



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (1st gr.):** add. fact fluency quiz, Thurs. 1/14
- **Math (2nd gr.):** add. fact fluency quiz, Thurs. 1/14
Chp. 5: Place Value test, Fri. 1/15 (async)
- **ELA:** Unit 6 Backpack Pages 50 - 53 due, Thurs. 1/14
Superkids unit 6 week 2 Spelling test, Thurs. 1/14
Superkids unit 6 progress test, Fri. 1/15 (async)
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night & color snowman; January reading log due Mon., 2/01

