

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 with choices he/she makes 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
- * This 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)
- * On Feb. 3rd & 4th we'll take our **Winter MAP tests**, assessing the growth your child made over the past few months
- * **Mid-tri. 2 progress reports** will be posted on PowerSchool this Friday. Please review your child's grades online, **sign his/her report card envelope**, & return the envelope next Thurs. 1/28
- * **Catholic Schools Week** starts on Jan. 31st.
 - Sun. 1/31: live-streamed CSW Mass (Facebook live)
 - Mon. 2/01: Celebrate Parents - Kids wear a crazy hat
 - Tues. 2/02: Celebrate Life-Long Learners & Teachers - kids wear Catholic schools gear; Teacher Appreciation lunch
 - Wed. 2/03: Celebrate our Faith Community - Mass
 - Thurs. 2/04: Celebrate St. Luke Fan Club - kids wear crazy hairstyle, honor alumni & donors
 - Fri. 2/05: Celebrate our Community - event TBD, kids wear free dress (no school)
- * 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 the day's work. Ms. Feucht will lead a 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 lesson 8 & Chp. 4 review; **test on Thursday**; practicing skip counting by 10s & 5s; assess + fact fluency (0-20)
- Math (2nd grade):** My Math Chp. 5 review; **test on Wed.**; Chp. 6 lesson 1; assess + fact fluency (0-20)
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 7 lessons 1 - 5 stories & skills focus on CVCe pattern words with plural endings; practice using end punctuation & capitalization. Reading Scholastic News article, "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?" to learn about building snowmen
- Writing:** Unit 7, informative writing to practice writing signs & writing friendly letters to correspond with relatives
- Religion:** Finding God lesson 9, Jesus Rises from the Dead, to learn about Jesus' Resurrection & how he's always with us
- Second Step:** Lesson 10, "Accidents" to understand some actions happen by accident & avoid jumping to conclusions
- Science (IB):** Working in our *How the World Works* Mystery Science IB unit, "Patterns and cycles help people understand the earth." In lesson 5, "Why do the stars come out at night?" we'll investigate why stars come out at night. In lesson 6, "How can stars help you if you get lost?" we'll explore stars & seasonal patterns
- Art (w/ Mrs. Diaz):** color wheel mixing activity; snowman (w/ Ms. Long)
- Music (w/ Ms. Dirska):** async lesson on Friday (see Google Classroom)

Unit 7 Week 1 Spelling list:

- bakes
- cakes
- makes
- takes
- snakes
- bikes
- likes
- hikes
- hopes
- ropes



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MLK, Jr. Day (No School)** - Mon. 1/18
- **Winter DIBELS testing**, Tues. 1/19 - Thurs. 1/21
- **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 - Fri. 2/04
- **1st grade MAP testing**, Wed. 2/03 & Thurs. 2/04



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (1st gr.):** Addition facts fluency quiz, Thurs. 1/21
Chp. 4: Subtraction test, Thurs. 1/21
- **Math (2nd gr.):** Chp. 5: Place Value test, Wed. 1/20
Addition facts fluency quiz, Thurs. 1/21
- **ELA:** Unit 7 Backpack Pages 54 - 57, due Thurs. 1/21
SuperKids unit 7 week 1 Spelling test, Thurs. 1/21
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night & color snowman; January reading log due Mon., 2/01
- **Misc.:** Mid-Tri. 2 progress report, signed envelope due, Thurs. 1/28