

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 continue to 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
- * We'll continue middle-of-year **DIBELS testing** to assess your child's reading, fluency, & phonics skills
- * 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 are posted online.** Please sign in on PowerSchool to review your child's grades, [sign his/her report card envelope](#) (coming home Monday) to confirm you've seen them, & return the envelope by 1/28
- * **Catholic Schools Week** starts on Jan. 31st. Here's what to expect this week:
 - Sun. 1/31: Live-streamed CSW Mass (Facebook Live)
 - Mon. 2/01: Celebrate Parents - parent gift shared; kids wear a crazy hat to school
 - 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. 8: Measurement & Time lessons 1 - 4 (measure & compare lengths); practicing skip counting by 10s & 5s; assess sub. fact fluency (0-20)
- Math (2nd grade):** [My Math](#) Chp. 6: Adding 3-digit Numbers lessons 3 - 6 (regrouping to add #s); assess sub. fact fluency (0-20)
- ELA/Reading:** [Super Kids](#), Unit 7 lessons 6 - 10 stories & skills focus on CVCe pattern words with -ing and -ed endings; practice using end punctuation & capitalization. Reading [Scholastic News](#) article, "Coolest Bears" to learn about polar bears' unique adaptations
- Writing:** Unit 7, informative writing: practice writing friendly letters to grandparents and parents for Catholic Schools Week
- Religion:** [Finding God](#) lesson 11, Following Jesus, to learn about Jesus' followers & friends, as well as how to be a good friend
- Second Step:** Lesson 11, "Showing Care & Concern" to learn to express empathy, caring & helping in response to scenarios
- Science (IB):** Working in our *How the World Works* Mystery Science IB unit, "Patterns and cycles help people understand the earth." This week we'll explore phases of the moon, explore a planetarium virtually, and extend the lesson to explore different patterns in our everyday lives with a FlipGrid video (upload [here](#))
- Art (w/ Mrs. Diaz):** alphabet drawings; polar bear art (w/ Ms. Long)
- Music (w/ Ms. Dirska):** async lesson on Friday (see Google Classroom)

Unit 7 Week 2 Spelling list:

- baking
- baked
- smiling
- smiled
- oh
- any
- day
- good
- very
- want

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tri. 2 Progress Reports shared** - Fri. 1/22
- **Winter DIBELS testing**, Mon. 1/25 - Thurs. 1/28
- **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
- **St. Luke (Virtual) Open House** - Wed. 2/03
- **1st grade Winter MAP testing**, Wed. 2/03 & Thurs. 2/04
- **Async Friday (online learning)** - Fri. 2/05
- **Teacher in-service day (No School)** - Fri. 2/12



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (1st gr.):** Subtraction facts fluency quiz, Thurs. 1/28
- **Math (2nd gr.):** Subtraction facts fluency quiz, Thurs. 1/28
- **ELA:** Unit 7 Backpack Pages 58 - 61, due Thurs. 1/28
[Superkids](#) unit 7 week 2 Spelling test, Thurs. 1/28
[Superkids](#) unit 7 progress test, Fri. 1/29
- **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

