

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Igniting Hope: One Light, Many Candles." This month, we'll focus on being "open-minded." As a class, we discussed how this means listening to other ideas besides our own, trying new things (a new game, food, friends, etc.), & accepting other ways of doing things. I encourage you to continue these conversations at home, asking your child how they've been - or can be - open-minded each day.



NOTES

- * This week we'll take our **Winter MAP tests**, assessing the growth your child made over the past few months; reports will be shared during Spring Conferences (March 18th - 19th)
- * **January reading logs are due Monday** - please sign your child's log & send it in tomorrow
- * A reminder to sign into Powerschool to review your child's **Mid-tri. 2 progress grades**, sign his/her report card envelope & return it ASAP
- * **Catholic Schools Week** starts today! To make this week fun & festive, your child is asked to come dressed in fun, easy themes to show their school spirit! Here's our schedule for the week:
 - **Sun. 1/31:** Live-streamed CSW Mass (Facebook Live)
 - **Mon. 2/01:** Celebrate Parents - parent gift shared; kids wear uniforms & a crazy hat to school
 - **Tues. 2/02:** Celebrate Teachers - kids wear Catholic schools gear (St. Luke gear, Catholic high schools or colleges gear); Teacher Appreciation lunch & activities
 - **Wed. 2/03:** Celebrate our Faith Community - Mass; kids wear full uniform for (virtual) Mass
 - **Thurs. 2/04:** Celebrate St. Luke Fan Club - honor alumni & donors, kids wear uniform & crazy hair
 - **Fri. 2/05:** Celebrate our Students - Zoom event (details coming), kids wear free dress (no school)
- * If your child would like to decorate/bring Valentines for our class party, please send cards and/or treats in by Monday, 2/08 to quarantine (School policy: treats need to quarantine for 72 hours; teacher must hand them out with gloves on; no volunteers in classroom)
- * Please complete the Parent Perception Survey sent by Mr. Boyle before Wed., February 10th
- * Please spread the word to any prospective families that we'll have an **Open House this Wed., Feb. 3rd** at 6:30 on Zoom (register here)
- * 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
- * **February Scholastic book flyers** will come home tomorrow; place online orders here by Wed. 2/10

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math (1st grade):** My Math Chp. 8: Measurement & Time lessons 5-8 (telling time to the nearest hour & ½ hour); practicing skip counting by 10s & 5s; assess add. fact fluency (0-20)
- Math (2nd grade):** My Math Chp. 6: Adding 3-digit Numbers lessons 7-8 (rewriting to add & problem solving); assess add. fact fluency (0-20)
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 8 lessons 1-5 stories & skills focus on vowel teams words; practice using end punctuation & capitalization. Reading Scholastic News article, "Busy, Busy Groundhog" to learn about Groundhog Day. Throughout February/Black History Month, reading a variety of BHM-themed picture books & poems on Epic!
- Writing:** Finish Unit 7, friendly letters to grandparents and parents for Catholic Schools Week; Unit 8, forming & writing opinions
- Religion:** Finding God lesson 12, Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit, to learn how the Holy Spirit is always with us & gives us courage
- Second Step:** Lesson 12, "Identifying Our Own Feelings" to practice identifying physical clues in their bodies that help them identify their feelings, & identify grown ups to discuss those feelings with
- Science (IB):** Starting our *Where We Are in Place & Time* IB unit with the central idea that "How families live around the world is shaped by their environment." This week we'll explore the 7 continents and 5 major oceans of the world through songs & videos, & practice labeling each continent & ocean on a world map
- Art (w/ Mrs. Diaz):** symmetry in nature & hearts project

Unit 8 Week 1 Spelling list:

- mail
- nail
- tail
- rain
- train
- boat
- coat
- float
- load
- road



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Catholic Schools Week (CSW)** - Mon. 2/01 - Fri. 2/04
- **Catholic Schools Week Mass** - Wed. 2/03 @ 9:30 a.m. (on Facebook Live)
- **St. Luke (Virtual) Open House** - Wed. 2/03 @ 6:30 p.m. (on Zoom)
- **1st grade Winter MAP testing**, Wed. 2/03 & Thurs. 2/04
- **Async Friday (online learning)** - Fri. 2/05
- **Class Valentines Day party (kids wear "Valentine" colors)** - Thurs. 2/11
- **Full day of school** (change from ½ day on school calendar) - Thurs. 2/11
- **Teacher in-service day (No School/No async. learning)** - Fri. 2/12
- **Presidents Day (No School)** - Mon. 2/15
- **Ash Wednesday Mass/Lent begins** - Wed. 2/17 @ 9:30 a.m. (on Facebook Live)



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Reading:** January reading log, due Mon., 2/01
- **Math (1st gr. & 2nd gr.):** Addition facts fluency quiz, Thurs. 2/04
- **Math (2nd gr.):** Chp. 6: Add 3-digits test, Thurs. 2/04
- **ELA:** Unit 8 Backpack Pages 62 - 65, due Thurs. 2/04
Superkids unit 8 week 1 Spelling test, Thurs. 2/04
- **Misc.:** Valentines cards/treats "due," Mon. 2/08
February Scholastic book orders due, Wed. 2/10