

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

- * Please put **Spring Conferences**, March 18th - 19th, on your calendar. We'll review your child's progress from the year, including Winter MAP tests, & upcoming summer work
- * 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. Remember asynchronous Fridays are still a day of learning, reinforcing lessons and skills from the week through independent activities. Please ensure all work is completed & turned in on Monday!
- * With Spring Break approaching, a reminder that we're following guidance from King County and WA State's DOH regarding travel. That is, if you're planning on **traveling out of state**, we expect your child to quarantine for 14 days before he/she can return to school. This is recommended as the best, safest option to limit the spread, and in the name of protecting our students and community, we're asking for your cooperation. Please email both Mrs. Max & I ASAP with your travel plans so she can share next steps, and I can plan & prepare materials for your child ahead of time. With their materials, your child will be able to participate in distance learning during those 2 weeks
- * We'll be celebrating our **100th day of school** on Thursday, March 4th. We'll be celebrating with "100th day" activities, including dressing up as though we're 100 years old & completing math & ELA 100-themed activities
- * **Lent starts this Wednesday, February 17th.** You're welcome to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass (on [Facebook Live](#)) on Wed. at 9:30 a.m. For those of you in person, your child will get to receive ashes on their foreheads, as well. During Lent, we'll discuss ways we can prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming at Easter, focusing on prayer, fasting, and penance. I encourage you to continue these conversations at home, identifying extra prayers or service they can do at home

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math (1st grade):** My Math Chp. 5: Place Value lessons 1 - 3 (Numbers 11 - 19 & count by 10s). Assess addition fact fluency (0-10)
- Math (2nd grade):** My Math Chp. 7: Subtract 3-digit Numbers lessons 6 - 8; assess addition fact fluency (0-20)
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 9 lessons 1 - 5 stories & skills focus on contractions pattern words; practice using end punctuation & capitalization. Reading Scholastic News article, "Too Much Toothpaste" to learn about dental hygiene practices. Throughout February/Black History Month, reading BHM-themed picture books on [Epic!](#) & reading & writing short biographies on influential Black people throughout history
- Writing:** Unit 9, using story webs to write personal narratives
- Religion:** Finding God lesson 14, God Chooses Mary, to learn about how Mary said "yes" to God and became the Mother of God
- Second Step:** Lesson 13, "Strong Feelings" we'll practice recognizing physical body cues that signal strong feelings & demonstrate Calming Down steps to manage those strong feelings
- Social Studies (IB):** Working in 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 how families in Argentina, Brazil, & Peru - countries on the South American continent - live, celebrate, go to school, dress, shop, play, eat, etc.
- Art (w/ Mrs. Diaz):** texture activities

Unit 9 Week 1 Spelling list:

- isn't
- didn't
- hasn't
- hadn't
- aren't
- wasn't
- weren't
- haven't
- couldn't
- wouldn't



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Presidents Day (No School)** - Mon. 2/15
- **Ash Wednesday Mass/Lent begins** - Wed. 2/17 @ 9:30 a.m. (on Facebook Live)
- **Parents Club meeting** - Thurs. 2/18 @ 6:30 p.m.
- **Async Friday (online learning)** - Fri. 2/19
- **St. Luke State of the School** - Thurs. 2/25
- **Async Friday (online learning)** - Fri. 2/26
- **100th Day of school** - Fri. 3/04
- **Tri. 3 report cards sent home** - Fri. 3/18
- **Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences (on Zoom)** - Thurs. 3/18 & Fri. 3/19
- **Easter Break** - Friday, 4/02 - Sunday, 4/11



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (1st & 2nd gr.):** Addition facts fluency quiz, Thurs. 2/18
- **ELA:** Unit 9 Backpack Pages 70 - 73, due Thurs. 2/18
Superkids unit 9 week 1 Spelling test, Thurs. 2/18
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; February reading log, due Mon., 3/01