

# MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Igniting Hope: One Light, Many Candles." This month, we'll focus on risk takers," which might look like trying a new activity or sport, playing with someone new at recess, trying a new food, sharing a creative idea, speaking out more in class, etc. I encourage you to continue these conversations at home, asking your child how they've been - or can be - open-minded each day.



## NOTES

- \* Remember, signed **February reading logs** are due tomorrow (Monday, March 1st)
- \* Hot lunches are back, starting this Monday, March 1st! Check out the [March lunch menu](#) and set up your [lunch account](#) to pre-order lunches (they must be ordered ahead of time, not day-of)
- \* Our community needs your support! St. Luke students are helping the St. Vincent de Paul Society with our **Lenten food drive**. Please send in any donations of food with your child **by March 11th**
- \* Help support our 4th grader's **Lenten Sock Drive**, providing socks for the homeless! Donations of socks can be sent in with your child by March 31st
- \* Our **Winter Fundraiser** kicked off last Thursday, and runs through March 12th. Please help support our school's fundraising goals & shop the magazine and Boon Supply flyers
- \* 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
- \* We'll be celebrating our **100th day of school** this Thursday. We'll celebrate with "100th day" Math & ELA activities, and your child is invited to dress up like they're 100 years old (see letter for details)
- \* **During this Lenten season**, we'll discuss ways we can prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming at Easter, focusing on prayer, fasting, and penance. We'll continue to attend Wednesday Masses at 2:15
- \* **March book flyers** will come home on Monday, and orders are **due Wed. 3/10**. Follow the link [Book Orders](#) to purchase books online
- \* Please put **Spring Conferences**, March 18th - 19th, on your calendar. We'll conduct these over Zoom, and will review your child's progress from the year, discuss Winter MAP scores, reading progress, & upcoming summer work

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math (1st grade):** [My Math](#) Chp. 5: Place Value lessons 8 - 10 (count by 5s & 10s) & 100th Day of School Math activities; assess addition fact fluency (0-10)
- Math (2nd grade):** [My Math](#) Chp. 8: Money lessons 1 - 3 (identifying & counting coins) & 100th Day of School Math activities; assess addition fact fluency (0-20)
- ELA/Reading:** [Super Kids](#), Unit 10 lessons 1 - 5 stories & skills focus on y pattern words that sound like long i, long a, & long e; using adjectives; using end punctuation & capitalization. Reading [Scholastic News](#) article, "Meet Christian Robinson" to learn about an illustrator's process creating stories
- Writing:** Finishing writing our unit 9 personal narrative stories; unit 10, generating ideas for how-to writing & writing 1st drafts
- Religion:** Discussing Lenten symbols and traditions, setting intentions for prayer and service during Lent
- Second Step:** Lesson 14, "Calming Down Anger" we'll practice using Calming Down steps, like taking deep belly breaths, to manage anger
- 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 Italy, France, & Germany - countries on the European continent - live, celebrate, go to school, dress, shop, play, eat, etc.
- Art (w/ Mrs. Diaz):** pattern activities & alphabet soup project

### Unit 10 Week 1 Spelling list:

- by
- fly
- cry
- try
- belly
- jelly
- smelly
- bunny
- funny
- sunny



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SVdP Lenten Food Drive**, now - Thurs. 3/11
- **St. Luke Winter Fundraiser**, now - Fri. 3/12
- **Lenten Mass**, Wed. 3/03
- **100th Day of school celebration**, Thurs. 3/04
- **Async Friday (online learning)**, Fri. 3/05
- **Lenten Mass**, Wed. 3/10
- **Teacher in-service (no school)**, Fri. 3/12
- **Lenten Mass**, Wed. 3/17
- **Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school)**, Thurs. 3/18 & Fri. 3/19
- **Tri. 3 report cards sent home**, Fri. 3/19
- **Easter Break**, Fri. 4/02 - Sun. 4/11



## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (1st & 2nd gr.):** Addition facts fluency quiz, Thurs. 3/04
- **ELA:** Unit 10 Backpack Pages 9 - 12, due Thurs. 3/04  
[Superkids](#) unit 10 week 1 Spelling test, Thurs. 3/04
- **Reading:** February reading log, due Mon., 3/01  
Read 10 min./night & record on March shamrock reading log