

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS



Our school's theme is "Igniting Hope: One Light, Many Candles." This month, we'll focus on being "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

- * Please continue to support your child's daily independent reading, coloring a shamrock each day on their **March reading logs**
- * **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 review the **1st grade Spring conferences** Sign Up Genius site and sign up for a 20-minute conference slot that works for your schedule. Your child is expected to attend and help lead these conferences, so please find a time that works for you both. Once you select a time slot, Sign Up Genius will send you a confirmation email and a reminder email of your time/date
- * Hot lunches are back! Check out the **March lunch menu** & set up your **lunch account** to pre-order lunches (they *must* be ordered ahead of time)
- * With a teacher in-service and conferences scheduled, the **next 2 Fridays will be true "no school" days**. There won't be asynchronous work, nor need to call in on Zoom on Friday, 3/12 or 3/19
- * 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** runs through March 12th. Please help support our school's fundraising goals & shop the magazine and Boon Supply flyers
- * 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**

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math (1st grade):** My Math Chp. 5: Place Value lessons 11 - 14 (comparing numbers with $>$, $<$, & $=$ & counting to 120); assess subtraction fact fluency (0-10)
- Math (2nd grade):** My Math Chp. 8: Money lessons 4, 5, & Chp. 8 Review (counting coins & dollars), & Chp. 8 test; assess addition facts (0-20)
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 10 lessons 6 - 10 stories & skills focus on y pattern words that sound like long i, long a, & long e; using adjectives to compare; using end punctuation & capitalization
- Reading Scholastic News article, "Real Frogs & Toads" to learn about frogs and toads and compare them to fictional characters
- Writing:** Unit 10, writing & illustrating how-to texts; writing & illustrating "Worth More than Gold" mini-stories
- Religion:** Preparing for Lent by learning Lenten symbols & traditions, & studying St. Cecelia, an example of fidelity
- Second Step:** Lesson 15, "Self Talk for Calming Down" we'll practice strategies like using positive self talk to calm down 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 Russia, China, & India - countries on the Asian continent - live, celebrate, go to school, dress, shop, play, eat, etc.
- Art (w/ Mrs. Diaz):** pattern activities & alphabet soup project

Unit 10 Week 2 Spelling list:

- say
- may
- play
- happier
- happiest
- down
- too
- work
- many
- first

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SVdP Lenten Food Drive**, now - Thurs. 3/11
- **St. Luke Winter Fundraiser**, now - Fri. 3/12
- **Lenten Mass**, Wed. 3/10
- **End of 2nd Trimester**, Fri. 3/12
- **Teacher in-service (no school)**, Fri. 3/12
- **Lenten Mass**, Wed. 3/17
- **Tri 2 report cards sent home**, Wed. 3/17
- **Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school)**, Thurs. 3/18 & Fri. 3/19
- **Tri. 3 report cards sent home**, Fri. 3/19
- **Lenten Mass**, Wed. 3/24
- **Easter Break**, Fri. 4/02 - Sun. 4/11



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (1st & 2nd gr.):** Subtraction facts fluency quiz, Thurs. 3/11
- **Math (2nd gr.):** Chp. 8: Money test, Thurs. 3/11
- **ELA:** Unit 10 Backpack Pages 13 - 16, due Thurs. 3/11
- Superkids unit 10 week 2 Spelling test, Thurs. 3/11
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; March reading log, due Thurs. 4/01

