

# 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 - risk takers each day.



## NOTES

- \* **Usborne book flyers** came home Thursday - check out a preview video [here](#). To purchase books, order online [here](#) or check out our class [Wish List](#)
- \* A friendly reminder to make sure you've signed up for a **1st grade Spring conferences** time to meet with me *and your child* this week. Sign Up Genius will send a reminder email of your time/date. Please use this [Zoom](#) link to call in for our conference a few minutes early
- \* With conferences **next Thursday and Friday, Friday will be true "no school" day.** There won't be asynchronous work, nor need to call in on Zoom
- \* To order hot lunch for your child, check out the [March lunch menu](#) & set up your [lunch account](#) to pre-order lunches (they must be ordered early)
- \* Thank you for your generous donations of food for the SVDP **Lenten food drive!** With your help, we're helping to feed families in need this Spring
- \* Please continue to support our 4th grader's **Lenten Sock Drive**, providing socks for the homeless! Donations of socks can be sent in with your child **until March 31st**
- \* During this Lenten season, we'll continue to attend **Wednesday Masses at 2:15.** You're welcome to join us for Mass, livestreamed on Facebook
- \* This week St. Luke will be visited by a **(virtual) WCEA Accreditation** team
- \* **Report cards** & Winter MAP test reports will be sent home next Monday, 3/22. Please review those reports (they're yours to keep), then sign & return your child's envelope by Thurs. 3/25
- \* Starting this Monday, students will get to participate in **Music classes with Ms. Dirska** 4 times a week. She will coordinate & communicate weekly work for distance learners; please look for an email or post on Google Classroom from her
- \* Music will replace the daily Art time students had with Mrs. Diaz in Tri. 2; however, I'll continue to teach **Art lessons**, as I did in Tri. 1, each week

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math (1st grade):** *My Math* Chp. 5: Place Value chp. review & Chp. 5 test; St. Patrick's Day math; comparing & ordering numbers quiz
- Math (2nd grade):** *My Math* Chp. 9: Data Analysis lessons 1 & 2 (surveys & picture graphs); St. Patrick's Day math; comparing & ordering numbers quiz
- ELA/Reading:** *Super Kids*, Unit II lessons 1 - 5 stories & skills focus on contraction pattern words; using end punctuation & capitalization. Reading *Scholastic News* article, "Mae Reaches for the Stars" to learn how Mae Jemison became an astronaut
- Writing:** Unit II, using story evidence to answer questions about a text; writing & illustrating "Worth More than Gold" mini-stories
- Religion:** Preparing for Lent by learning Lenten symbols & traditions, & studying St. Patrick, an example of forgiveness
- Second Step:** Reviewing & practicing using Calming Down strategies to manage strong emotions and 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 Australia & Antarctica live, go to school, dress, shop, play, eat, etc. Next week, students will select a country and begin researching how families in that country live & writing a country report
- Art:** St. Patrick's Day shamrock patterns

### Unit II Week 1 Spelling list:

- I'm
- he's
- she's
- it's
- we're
- you're
- I'll
- he'll
- she'll
- you'll

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **St. Luke Accreditation visits**, Mon. 3/15 - Wed. 3/17
- **Start of 3rd Trimester**, Mon. 3/15
- **Lenten Mass**, Wed. 3/17
- **St. Patrick's Day class party**, Wed. 3/17
- **Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school)**, Thurs. 3/18 & Fri. 3/19
- **Tri 2 report cards sent home**, Mon. 3/22
- **Lenten Mass**, Wed. 3/24
- **Holy Week**, Mon. 3/29 - Fri. 4/02
- **Easter Break**, Fri. 4/02 - Sun. 4/11



## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (1st gr.):** Chp. 5: Place Value test, Tues. 3/16
- **Math (1st & 2nd gr.):** comparing & ordering numbers quiz
- **ELA:** Unit II Backpack Pages 17 - 20, due Wed. 3/17  
*Superkids* unit II week 1 Spelling test, Wed. 3/17
- **Misc.:** Return signed Tri 2 report card envelope, due Thurs. 3/25
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./night; March reading log, due Thurs. 4/01
- **Social Studies (IB):** Country report due, Thurs. 4/02

