

MS. LONG'S CLASSROOM NEWS

Our school's theme is "Igniting Hope: One Light, Many Candles." This month, we are practicing the IB trait of being *reflective*, which might look like reflecting on the way in which we learn best, advocating for that kind of environment, recognizing our own strengths and weaknesses, & being proactive in our own learning. It also includes reflecting on our work and identifying ways we've succeeded, and ways we can improve. I encourage you to talk about this with your child, and ask them how he/she can practice this skill at home.



NOTES

- * Mid-Trimester 3 progress reports are here. Please sign in on PowerSchool to review your child's grades. After reviewing, please sign the yellow envelope (sent home Thursday) & return it with your child by this Thursday, 4/29
- * This Friday will be an **asynchronous work day**. On Friday, please have your child call in for our Morning Meeting on **Zoom** at 8:45 a.m. & I'll share directions for the day. Please ensure all work is completed & turned in Monday
- * You'll see that, starting this week, I'm asking your child to use an **editing checklist** with their writing prompt to practice being "reflective" learners. We practice this skill in class, but your guidance in using this tool to help your child check over their work and edit, as needed, would be appreciated. Thank you!
- * Please ensure your child continues to read 10 minutes a day, and colors an umbrella to record their daily reading. **Signed April reading logs** are due **next Monday, May 3rd**
- * With weather turning, please continue to send your child with a **full water bottle** each day to keep them hydrated & healthy. He/she can fill their bottles here at school, but there is no current access to our drinking fountains
- * Individual **school pictures** were taken last Thursday; **retakes are scheduled for Tues. 5/11**
- * Our **St. Luke Auction** is coming up on May 14th and 15th! The Live Virtual Event will start at 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening. For ideas of how to support our school, preview donated items, donate an item yourself, etc. check out our school's **Auction website**. The deadline for **dinner pre-orders** from Tutta Bella or Mel & Mia's is Sunday, 5/02

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math (1st grade):** My Math Chp. 7: Analyzing Graphs lessons 5 & 6 (bar graphs); take addition facts (0-10) quiz
- Math (2nd grade):** My Math Chp. 10: Telling Time test; Start Chp. 11: Measurement & Data lessons 1 - 3 (measure in inches, feet, yards, & w/ customary tools); take addition facts (0-20) quiz
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 13 lessons 6 - 10 stories & skills focus on memory words & -ir, -er, -ur pattern words; practicing using end punctuation, capitalization & writing in complete sentences. Reading Scholastic News article "Eat Up" to learn about caterpillar life cycles
- Writing:** In unit 13 writing fiction stories with detailed characters, settings, and plots with a problem & solution
- Religion:** In session 17, Joining God's Family, we'll learn about the Sacrament of Baptism and how it initiates us into God's family
- Second Step:** In "Teaching Safety" lesson 4, Telling Someone You Trust, we'll learn who to tell when something makes them feel uncomfortable or confused, and explore the phenomenon and power of "secrets" in a child's life at various ages
- Science (IB):** Working in our *Sharing the Planet* Mystery Science IB unit, "Organisms grow, change and develop in their environment." In lesson 2 we'll explore answers to, "Why do baby ducks follow their mother?" to discover ways that animals inherit behaviors & traits, as well as learn how parents help their offspring survive
- Art:** Illustrating Spring tulips, practicing geometric shapes/patterns

Unit 13 Week 2 Spelling list:

- bird
- third
- burn
- turn
- cold
- know
- does
- laugh
- both
- again



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Free Dress (all school)**, Thurs. 4/29
- **School Picture Retakes**, Tues. 5/11
- **St. Luke Virtual Auction**, Fri. 5/14 & Sat. 5/15
- **Spring MAP testing (1st grade)**, week of 5/17
- **Memorial Day (No School)**, Mon. 5/31



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (2nd gr.):** Chp. 10: Telling Time test, Mon. 4/26
- **Math (1st gr.):** Chp. 7: Graphs test, Thurs. 4/29
- **Math (1st & 2nd gr.):** Addition facts quiz, Thurs. 4/29
- **ELA:** Unit 13 Backpack Pages 37 - 40, due Thurs. 4/29
 - Superkids unit 13 week 2 Spelling test, Thurs. 4/29
 - Superkids unit 13 progress test, Thurs. 4/29
- **Reading:** Read 10 min./day; April reading log due Mon. 5/03