

# 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 "thinkers" and thinking *before* doing. Thinkers solve problems independently, and can imagine many solutions to a question or challenge. They make good decisions, and can predict the consequences of their words & actions. I encourage you to help your child practice this at home – pose real life problems & questions like "Do you have any ideas of how to do \_\_\_?" or "How can we do this differently?"



## NOTES

- \* **Signed April (umbrella) reading logs** are due tomorrow, Monday, May 3rd
- \* New **May reading logs** will come home tomorrow. Continue to encourage your child to record their 10+ minutes of daily reading
- \* End of year **Scholastic book flyers** will be sent home tomorrow. If you'd like to order books - there are some great options in there for summer reading! - please fill out your **order online** (with class code NDWX9) **by Friday, 5/14**
- \* **This Wednesday** we'll celebrate our "May Crowning" Mass at 9:30 a.m. in honor of Mary
- \* We ask that each student **bring in at least 1 flower on Wednesday a.m.**, which we'll place in vases at the statue of Mary's feet (by Parish)
- \* To say "thank you" to all you hardworking moms, your child will make & bring home a special **Mothers' Day card & craft** on Thursday
- \* 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
- \* 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. Check out the **Auction website** for more details & info
- \* The deadline for Auction Night (Sat. 5/15) **dinner pre-orders** from Tutta Bella is **TODAY, Sunday, 5/02**
- \* If you'd like to purchase the **Auction item, "Free Dress Thursdays,"** for your child this month (May), it's a great way to help support our Auction & give your child free dress! It costs \$30 **per child** & can be paid online at **Free Dress May 2021**. If you purchased this, **free dress starts this Thurs. 5/06**
- \* **Our last day of school, Friday, 6/11, will be in-person**, and will include an **all-school Mass and 10:30 dismissal**. Please mark this on your calendars so we can all celebrate together!

## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math (1st grade):** My Math Chp. 9: 2D Shapes lessons 1 - 4 (identify & compare 2D shapes); take subtraction facts (0-10) quiz
- Math (2nd grade):** My Math Chp. 11: Measurement & Data lessons 3 - 6 (measure w/ customary tools); take subtraction facts (0-20) quiz
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 14 lessons 1 - 5 stories & skills focus on -oi & -oy pattern words & writing w/ adverbs; review contractions, using end punctuation, & capitalization. Reading Scholastic News article "Meet an Octopus" to learn about unique features of octopi
- Writing:** Finish unit 13 fiction stories; in unit 14, writing unique action poems and cinquain poems
- Religion:** Learning why we honor Mother Mary in May; practicing Hail Mary prayer; praying a decade of a rosary in honor of Mary
- Second Step:** In lesson 18, Solving Problems (pt. 2) we're building on problem solving skills & using the STEP process (Say the problem, Think of solutions, Explore consequences, Pick the best solution) to specifically explore a variety of solutions to problems
- Science (IB):** Working in our *Sharing the Planet* Mystery Science IB unit, "Organisms grow, change and develop in their environment." In lesson 3 we'll explore answers to, "Why are polar bears white?" to discover how & why animals use camouflage to survive. Students will also illustrate a butterfly to camouflage in our classroom
- Art:** Finish illustrating Spring tulips, practicing geometric patterns; working on Mothers' Day craft

### Unit 14 Week 1 Spelling list:

- oil
- boil
- soil
- coin
- join
- joint
- point
- joy
- toy
- boy

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Teacher Appreciation Week**, 5/03 - 5/07
- **May Crowning Mass (virtual)**, Wed. 5/05 @ 9:30 a.m.
- **Mothers' Day**, Sun. 5/09
- **School Picture Retakes**, Tues. 5/11
- **St. Luke Virtual Auction**, Fri. 5/14 & Sat. 5/15
- **Spring MAP testing (1st grade)**, Mon. 5/17 & Wed. 5/19
- **(All school) Free Dress**, Thurs. 5/29
- **Memorial Day (No School)**, Mon. 5/31
- **Last Day of School (Mass & 10:30 dismissal)**, Fri. 6/11



## HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (1st & 2nd gr.):** Subtraction facts quiz, Thurs. 5/06
- **ELA:** Unit 14 Backpack Pages 41 - 44, due Thurs. 5/06  
Superkids unit 14 week 1 Spelling test, Thurs. 5/06
- **Second Step:** lesson 18 homelink, due Thurs. 5/06
- **Reading:** April reading log, due Mon. 5/03

