

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

- * Thank you for your participation in **last night's Auction!** With your enthusiastic support, we were able to raise some great money to build our school and enrich our community. Look for more specifics from Mr. Boyle about our fundraiser soon!
- * 1st graders will be taking their **Spring MAP tests this Monday & Wednesday a.m.** to assess their progress & growth from the year. Please ensure your child gets plenty of sleep, eats a hearty breakfast, and is on time to school. We'll start as soon as they arrive at school
- * **MAP scores** will be shared and sent home with your child's EOY report cards
- * This Friday will be another **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 on Friday** & turned in on Monday morning
- * Please continue to send your child with a **full water bottle each day.** With the warmer weather, it's important your child stays hydrated, and drinking fountains are still off-limits (COVID precautions)
- * Encourage your child to continue recording 10+ minutes of daily reading on their **May reading logs, due Tues. June 1st**
- * If you'd like to purchase a **2020-21 yearbook**, please place your order **by Tues. June 1st.** Order forms are included in the Thursday Packet
- * **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 9, 10, & review (halves & quarters of shapes); take Chp. 9 test & subtraction facts (0-10) quiz
- Math (2nd grade):** My Math Chp. 11: Measurement lessons 11, 12, & review (measure w/ number line); take Chp. 11 test & sub. facts (0-20) quiz
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 15 lessons 1 - 5 stories & skills focus on decoding and spelling ow & ou pattern words; practice rhyming and using re- prefix; review using end punctuation, capitalization, and writing with contractions. Reading Scholastic News article "Beach Glass" to learn about sea glass on a beach, and old trash/recycling practices
- Writing:** Unit 14, writing poetry books with unique "action," "I am," and "noise" poems using descriptive adjectives & details
- Religion:** Session 19, Listening to Our Father, to learn the value of listening when we pray & identifying practical ways to respond to God's invitation
- Second Step:** In lesson 19, Fair Ways to Play, students learn about sharing, trading, and taking turns as fun and fair ways to play with one another
- Science (IB):** Working in our *Sharing the Planet* Mystery Science IB unit, "Organisms grow, change and develop in their environment." In lesson 5 we'll explore answers to, "Why don't trees blow down in the wind?" and examine how tree structures (roots, leaves, etc.) keep trees from blowing down. Students will use their observations to create "tree umbrellas" to stand up to the wind, participate in "wind" powered relay races, go on a wind walk, and create their own wind-carrying kites
- Art:** Finishing "wacky" animals to practice scale & shape; designing and constructing unique kites

Unit 15 Week 1 Spelling list:

- loud
- cloud
- proud
- found
- round
- sound
- town
- clown
- brown
- frown

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Spring MAP testing (1st grade)**, Mon. 5/17 & Wed. 5/19
- **(All school) Free Dress**, Thurs. 5/29
- **Memorial Day Holiday (No School)**, Fri. 5/28 - Mon. 5/31
- **End-of-Year Food Drive**, Tues. 6/01 - 6/08
- **Field Day & 12 p.m. dismissal**, Thurs. 6/10
- **Last Day of School (Mass & 10:30 dismissal)**, Fri. 6/11



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (1st & 2nd gr.):** Subtraction facts quiz, Thurs. 5/20
- **Math (1st):** Chp. 9: 2D shapes test, Mon. 5/24
- **Math (2nd):** Chp. 11: Measurement test, Mon. 5/24
- **ELA:** Unit 15 Backpack Pages 49 - 52, due Thurs. 5/20
Superkids unit 14 progress test, Mon. 5/17
Superkids unit 15 week 1 Spelling test, Thurs. 5/20
- **Reading:** read 10 min./day; May reading log due Tues. 6/01

