

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

- * On **Wednesday, 5/26** Emma (1st) and Harper (5th) Thomas are "Principals for the Day," and declared a schoolwide **free dress day**
- * We'll also have our monthly, schoolwide **free dress day on Thursday, 5/27**
- * **Memorial Day weekend** starts this Friday, May 28th and stretches through Monday, May 31st. This means there's **no asynchronous Friday work**, so enjoy the long weekend!
- * Please continue to send your child with a **full water bottle each day**
- * Encourage your child to continue recording 10+ minutes of daily reading on their **May reading logs**. Remember, **signed reading logs** are due next Tuesday, June 1st
- * If you'd like to purchase a **2020-21 yearbook**, please place your order by next Tuesday, June 1st. Order forms are in the Thursday Packet
- * Please help support our end-of-year SvdP **food drive, starting Monday and running through Tues., June 8th**. Our goal is 100% class participation, so any donations of canned or non-perishable food would be great!
- * **Field Day** will be Thursday, June 10th. If you're able to volunteer & help run one of the stations, please contact **Ms. Diaz** ASAP
- * Your child's **MAP scores** (from last week) will be sent with your child's EOY report cards
- * To help your child continue growing and learning over the summer, I'll be sending home some **summer work packets** and a summer reading log on Monday, June 7th. If you'd prefer using a workbook, I'd recommend a **Summer Bridge** workbook (1st - 2nd grade)
- * Our **last day of school (Friday, 6/11) will be in-person**, and will include an **all-school Mass**. K-2nd grade will **dismiss at 10:45 a.m.**

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Math (1st grade):** My Math Chp. 9: 2D Shapes test; Chp. 10: 3D Shapes lessons 1 - 3 (identify 3D shapes); take addition facts (0-10) quiz
- Math (2nd grade):** My Math Chp. 11: Measurement test; Chp. 12: 2D Shapes lessons 1 - 3 (2D shapes & properties); add. facts (0-20) quiz
- ELA/Reading:** Super Kids, Unit 15 lessons 6 - 10 stories & skills focus on decoding and spelling ow & ou pattern words and memory words; practice identifying syllables; review using end punctuation, capitalization, and writing with contractions. Reading Scholastic News article "Brain Freeze" to learn how to make ice pops and practice how-to writing
- Writing:** Finish writing poetry books with action, cinquain, "I am," and noise poems. Also writing end-of-year reflective "1st grade" poems using descriptive adjectives & details
- Religion:** Session 21, Making Good Decisions, to learn about God's commandments and how they can help us make good decisions
- Second Step:** In lesson 20, Inviting to Join In, to learn how to apply Problem-Solving Steps and invite someone to play
- Science (IB):** Wrapping up our *Sharing the Planet* Mystery Science IB unit, "Organisms grow, change and develop in their environment." In lesson 6 we'll explore answers to, "What do sunflowers do when you're not looking?" to explore how plants move and grow. Students will also observe how real plants move to grow towards the sun
- Art:** Painting paper plate flowers

Unit 15 Week 2 Spelling list:

- low
- blow
- grow
- slow
- snow
- warm
- walk
- once
- give
- done



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **"Principal for a Day" Free Dress**, Wed. 5/28
- **(All school) Free Dress**, Thurs. 5/29
- **Memorial Day Holiday (No School)**, Fri. 5/28 - Mon. 5/31
- **End-of-Year Food Drive**, Mon. 5/24 - Tues. 6/08
- **Field Day & 11:45 a.m. dismissal**, Thurs. 6/10
- **Last Day of School (Mass & 10:45 a.m. dismissal)**, Fri. 6/11



HOMEWORK & TESTS

- **Math (1st):** Chp. 9: 2D shapes test, Mon. 5/24
- **Math (2nd):** Chp. 11: Measurement test, Mon. 5/24
- **Math (1st & 2nd gr.):** Addition facts quiz, Thurs. 5/27
- **ELA:** Unit 15 Backpack Pages 53 - 56, due Thurs. 5/27
 - Superkids unit 15 progress test, Thurs. 5/27
 - Superkids unit 15 week 2 Spelling test, Thurs. 5/27
- **Reading:** read 10 min./day; May reading log due Tues. 6/01