

Dear 5A Families,

Thank you so much to our **wonderful chaperones** who made our time at **Camp Seymour** safe, fun, and a successful environmental learning experience! We also appreciate all that every one of you did to prepare your student. I know that they were ready to see you on Friday, but they all were terrific campers and regularly practiced our IB attributes of caring, risk-taking, reflection, balance, being a thinker and an inquirer! I appreciated their good-natured approach to new situations and their resiliency and kindness to each other.

ELA

This week, we are practicing our **friendly letter writing skills** to write a variety of letters, including thank-you letters to the Camp Seymour naturalists and letters to veterans in our community.

We will continue reading articles related to our IB unit and practicing our **comprehension** skills.

Students should be reading at least 25 minutes each evening and should be keeping in mind that they need to earn **at least 15 Accelerated Reader points** per trimester, based on quizzes on eligible books that they have read. Most AR-related questions are best directed to Mrs. Feucht, who administers the program.

IB Unit - Organic Matter Cycles Through Our Living World in Systems of Interdependent Parts

We'll be reflecting on what we learned about the key concepts from this IB unit at Camp Seymour and how the inquiry-based, hands-on explorations that students engaged in there deepened their understanding of this theme. Beginning later this week, students will have the opportunity to select from three ecological issues to transfer their knowledge and create and communicate a possible way to address the challenge. This will be our culminating project as we prepare to begin our next, Social Studies based IB unit.

In **Math**, we are beginning our work with division this week, exploring how division is related to multiplication, and working with 2-digit dividends, starting with hands-on models, and looking for patterns in division. In addition, students will be expected to complete at least 45 minutes of ALEKs per week. Your child will be bringing home his/her **Green Folder** with corrected work on Wednesday, including the Chapter 2 Multiplication math test. Students had the opportunity in class to complete test corrections.

Religion – We're busy preparing for our all-school All Saints' Day Mass on Thursday at 9:30. Please join us, if you are able to!

Our **Second Step** lesson for the week will focus on ***Disagreeing Respectfully***. The students will complete an in-class activity on Tuesday. The Home Link worksheet will be due on Friday. Thank you for the time and attention that you give to these with your child!

St. Luke-a-thon – 5A and 5B tied for the school-wide prize. We are planning a 5th grade party to celebrate! **Thank you** for your support of this important school fundraiser!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- Oct. 30 – Photo Retakes
- Nov. 1 – All Saints Day (please join us!) 9:30 am (coffee & donuts before)
- Nov. 5th – St. Luke School Open House; Please spread the word! 4:30 – 6:30 pm
- Nov. 9th – Veterans' Day assembly
- Nov. 12th – NO SCHOOL – Veterans' Day

- Nov. 13th – 21st – Book Fair
- Nov. 19th – Nov. 30th – Food Drive and Warm Clothing Drive
- Nov. 19th – 21st – Conferences
- Nov. 22nd – 25th – THANKSGIVING Break
- Dec. 2nd – First Sunday of ADVENT