

Dear 5A Families,

We've finished up our winter MAP testing; thank you for helping your child to be ready! MAP score reports will be sent home in the Progress Report envelopes.

Geography Bee Update – *Congratulations to Nathaniel*, the first-place winner of our St. Luke School National Geographic Geography Bee! He was so poised, confident, knowledgeable, and a humble winner! We cheer him on as he moves to the next round.

In **Religion**, students will continue their study of the sacraments and will be preparing for Catholic Schools' Week. They have been asked to sing at the Grandparents' Brunch and are making cards for Fr. Brad and Fr. Parrish, to thank them for their leadership in our St. Luke community. We will also be helping the parish staff by putting together materials for those being confirmed this year, as we learn about the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We are learning about cyber-bullying and how bystanders can help in our **Second Step Bullying Prevention** unit. We will continue with this lesson next week. The Home Link is coming home today and is due on Friday. We really appreciate the time and effort you are taking to work with your student on these. It is great reinforcement for what we are doing in class and conveys the message that this curriculum is important and supported at home and at school.

In our **Culture, Trade and Geography Played a Part in the Formation of the 13 Colonies IB unit**, the class will be continuing with our simulation. Groups are making decisions about how to work for food and have begun trading for necessary supplies and to expand their land holdings. As the simulation progresses, students are reflecting and journaling on their experience.

ELA– The fifth graders are continuing to read “Pedro’s Journal,” historical fiction about an explorer written in the style of journal entries. Students are also revising and editing their paragraphs about one of our key concepts, **change**, and how it is perceived and experienced in their own lives. At home, they will be reflecting on a quote of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s, unpacking the meaning behind it and transferring that meaning to their own lives.

Math – We are **adding decimals** this week using the standard algorithm and through use of the commutative, associative, and identity properties of addition. Students have been working hard on estimation and problem-solving strategies involving addition of decimals.

A few notes and reminders...

- St. Luke’s will be having a Grandparents’ Brunch on Wednesday, January 30th after our all-school Mass at 9:30. Please extend the invitation to your child’s grandparents/special friend.
- Remember SCRIP when you are planning for grocery shopping/gas purchases and special events. This is a habit that can really benefit our school!

Upcoming Important Dates:

- 1/25/19 – Mid-trimester Progress Reports go home, Father-Daughter Dance
- 1/26/19 – Parents Club Meeting
- 1/27/19 – Open House after 9:00AM Mass – Kickoff For Catholic Schools Week
- 1/28/19 – Open House during school day
- 1/29/19 – Parent Appreciation Day
- 1/30/19 – Community Appreciation Day
- 1/31/19 – Student Appreciation Day
- 2/1/19 – Free Dress, & International Festival