

September 30th, 2019

Holy Spirit, call us to ACTION!

“Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” - Francis of Assisi

Our classes are filled with exciting learning activities! Here's where we're headed this week in the classroom:

This week we will begin our **Second Step** lessons which focuses on Predicting Feelings. Each student will participate in an interactive lesson during class and will practice this skill with a parent/guardian for homework. These worksheets are due on Friday, October 4th.

In **Math**, we will be splitting into groups this week. More information about your student's placement will come home with your student in the Math Placement letter. Please make sure to check the Homework Website nightly to see what your student is expected to be working on. Every 5th grade student is expected to complete at LEAST 45 minutes of ALEKs per week. When they achieve 95% or higher on all of the overall 5th grade topics. I will move them into a more advanced section of the ALEKs program. *This week the students are expected to complete AT LEAST 45 minutes of ALEKs by Monday, October 7th (Total Time: 3 hr. 15 min).*

This week in **Reading & Language Arts**, we will be working on grammar conventions, & reading strategies. Each student will be working on a Spelling list at their own level. There will be daily spelling activities to help each student learn the lesson for the week. Additional information and ways to practice these words will come home with your student early in the week. We will also finish writing creative stories about our superheroes and their alter egos. This writing piece will be accompanied by student created artwork & real-life photos of the students. As a nightly practice, the students will be expected to complete at LEAST 25 minutes of reading.

In **Science** we will continue our unit on how organic matter cycles through our living world in systems of interdependent parts. Many of our lessons will focus on ecology and will help the students develop the idea that plants, animals, and fungi form a system of interdependent parts, with each part dependent on the other parts for its material nourishment. As we prepare for our Outdoor Environmental Education Experience at Camp Seymour we will be organizing our cabin & learning groups.

In **Religion** this week we continue our unit on God, Our Creator and Father. This unit focuses on creation and emphasizes that God the Father created us and continues to care for us and call us to live in God's kingdom. This is from our new religion books, *Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts!* We are very excited to be using these texts to guide our faith, actions, and how we change our community for the better. We will also be learning about ways we are called to action and we will decide on a service project that we can experience in our own community. Our school service project is Hero's Cafe! To prepare for an event on October 22nd, we will be honoring these veterans in our local community by making cards that we will be sending with our Kindergartener partners.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Design, Spanish, Library (don't forget to bring books to return/renew)
- **Tuesday** – Music, 2pm Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Spanish, Green School Assembly
- **Thursday** – Music, Library
- **Friday** – Blessing of the Pets, PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Spelling Test

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Oct. 7 – Science Inquiry Assemblies*
- *Oct. 11 – No School for Christ in the Classroom Retreat for staff*
- *Oct. 18 – Feast of St. Luke, Progress Reports, Ella Bella Bee Assembly*
- *Oct. 22 – October 24th - Fifth Grade Camp Seymour (Outdoor Environmental Education)*
- *Oct. 18 – Parents' Club First Meeting*
- *Oct. 19 – FREE DRESS FRIDAY and Middle School Dance*
- *Oct. 26 – Chili Cook-off*

- *Oct. 29 – 2nd Veterans' Service Day*