

October 14th, 2019

Holy Spirit, call us to ACTION

IB Attributes of the Month: Caring & Balanced

“Balance, peace, and joy are the fruit of a successful life. It starts with recognizing your talents and finding ways to serve others by using them.” - Thomas Kinkade

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

This week in **Reading & Language Arts**, we will continue 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 along with nightly ways to practice these words. Additional information and ways to practice these words will come home with your student early in the week. We will also wrap up writing creative narrative 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, each student is 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. This week we will be going to the garden to learn more about composting and the diverse ecosystems found in the garden. 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** we will be learning about St. Luke as we prepare for the *Feast of St. Luke on Friday, October 18th @ 9:30am. Please join us if you are able!* We will be learning about St. Luke’s life and how he was called to action and serve God. We will also 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.

This week our **Second Step** lesson will focus on Accepting Differences. 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 18th.*

In **Math**, we have split into our 3 Math groups. In Mrs. Dimock's class students are doing a great job adjusting to a new teacher. We reviewed Chapter 1 on both Friday and today (Monday). **Students will take a test on Chapter 1 on Wednesday.** There is no Math on Tuesday due to Garden. This will be an excellent day for them to work on completing their ALEKs minutes. Ms. Bakamis's class will begin Chapter 2: Multiplying Whole Numbers. We will focus our lessons on Prime Factorization & Exponents this week. Mr. Grahek's class will continue working Place Value in Chapter 1. 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 21st (Total Time: 4 hr. & 30 min.).*

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Design, Spanish, Library (don't forget to bring books to return/renew)
- **Tuesday** – Music, Garden (please make sure to bring a coat), 2 pm Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Touching Safety Class, Spanish
- **Thursday** – Music, Spelling Test, Library
- **Friday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Mass (Feast of St. Luke) @ 9:30 am (Please join us), Science Assembly (Ella Bella Bee), Progress Reports go home

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Oct. 22 – October 25th - Fifth Grade Camp Seymour (Outdoor Environmental Education)*

- *Oct. 24 - Parents Club First Meeting*
- *Oct. 25th - Free Dress & Middle School Dance*
- *Oct. 26 – Chili Cook-off*
- *Oct. 31 - Color Games for 5th - 8th Grade (5th Grade will be wearing Red) @ 2pm*
- *Nov. 1st - All Saints Day Mass @ 9:30 am*
- *Nov. 12 - Veterans Day Assembly @ 9:30 am (Please join us)*