

October 28th, 2019

Holy Spirit, call us to ACTION

IB Attributes of the Month: Caring & Balanced

*“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.” - Albert Einstein*

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 first **Social Studies** unit. This is an inquiry into orientation in place and time the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations. Our main areas of focus are change and connection. Our related concepts are trade, costs, and benefits. We will be examining how culture, trade, and geography played a part in the formation of the 13 colonies. We will also explore how trade impacts societies and how geography influences human settlement. Throughout this unit the students will also learn significant historical events have implications for current decisions and influence the future. Some of the questions we will focus our lessons on are: How did countries colonize and who did it impact?, How did colonists make decisions to meet their wants and needs?, and What are the characteristics of the 13 colonies?. Many of these learning activities will be through an interactive simulation in which the students will form groups that are sailing to the New World. They will be making decisions as a group and working on their cooperation skills as well as their communication skills.

In **Science** we will wrap up our unit on how organic matter cycles through our living world in systems of interdependent parts. Our lessons have focused 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 reflect on our Outdoor Environmental Education Experience at Camp Seymour we will be transferring this knowledge and applying it to the activities we participated in last week.

In **Religion** we will be learning about ways to celebrate kindness & showing gratitude in our community. We will be celebrating *All Saints Day on Friday, November 1st @ 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. We will also be honoring veterans at Claire's Place by making decorations for the Monday Night Football game between our Seattle Seahawks and the San Francisco 49ers!

This week our **Second Step** lesson will focus on Responding with Compassion. 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, November 1st.*

In **Math**, Mrs. Dimock's class will continue working on fractions, decimals, and percents. Ms. Bakamis's class will wrap up with our lessons Chapter 2: Multiplying Whole Numbers. **Our Chapter 2 test will be on early next week.** Mr. Grahek's class begin working on Multiplying Whole Numbers in Chapter 2. 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, November 4th (Total Time: 5 hr. & 15 min.).*

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. As a nightly practice, each student is expected to complete at LEAST 25 minutes of independent reading.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Design, Spanish, Library (don't forget to bring books to return/renew)
- **Tuesday** – Music, 2 pm Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Spanish
- **Thursday** – Music, Color Games (wear red)
- **Friday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Spelling Test, **Mass (All Saints Day) @ 9:30 am (Please join us)**

*Upcoming Important Dates:*

- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Open House @ 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Seahawk Monday Night Football celebration with the Veterans at Claire's Place
- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Assembly @ 9:30am (please join us!)
- Nov. 12-22<sup>nd</sup> – Food Drive and Warm Clothing Drive – BIG NEED THIS YEAR!
- Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> – Student-led Conferences
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving
- Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Advent Prayer Service
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Figgy Pudding