

October 7th, 2019

Holy Spirit, call us to ACTION!

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.” - Leo Buscaglia

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

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. *Students in my Math class will have a Math Test on Wednesday, October 9th and a Study Guide will come home on Monday. Students in Mr. Boyle’s Math class will have a Math Test on Thursday, October 10th.* 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 14th (Total Time: 4 hr.).*

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 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 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, 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. We will also continue writing prayers to our Guardian Angels.

This week our **Second Step** lesson will focus on Taking Others' Perspectives. 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 Thursday, October 10th.*

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Design, Spanish, Library (don't forget to bring books to return/renew)
- **Tuesday** – Music, Social Emotional Learning Toy Focus Group, 2 pm Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Touching Safety Class, Spanish
- **Thursday** – Music, Spelling Test, Library
- **Friday** – **No School**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Oct. 18 – Feast of St. Luke, Progress Reports, Ella Bella Bee Assembly*
- *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. 29 – 2nd Veterans’ Service Day*
- *Oct. 31 - Color Games for 5th - 8th Grade*
- *Nov. 1st - All Saints Day Mass @ 9:30 am*