

November 11th, 2019

Holy Spirit, call us to ACTION

IB Attribute of the Month: Inquirer

*“There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty, that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism.” - Alexander Hamilton*

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

In **Math**, Mrs. Dimock’s class will be moving into their next unit, The Number System. Students will use operations involving decimals and fractions, applying them in real world contexts. Ms. Bakamis’s class will continue our lessons in Chapter 3: Dividing by a One-Digit Divisor. We will have our **Chapter 3 Math Test on Wednesday, November 20th**. Mr. Grahek’s class will continue 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 18th (Total Time: 6 hr. & 45 minutes).*

This week in **Reading & Language Arts**, we will continue working on grammar conventions, & reading strategies. Throughout the week we will be working on grammar rules with an assessment of these rules on Friday. We will also be setting reading goals for ourselves as we approach the end of the Trimester. There will be daily spelling activities along with nightly ways to practice these words. There will be NO spelling due to the short week! If your student is missing any Spelling HW assignments, this would be a great week for them to get caught up. *Each student is expected to complete at LEAST 25 minutes of independent reading on a nightly basis.*

This week we will continue 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. ***This week we will begin packing our ships for the simulation of traveling to the New World & we will set sail.***

In **Religion** we will be learning about ways to celebrate kindness & showing gratitude in our community. 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 sharing the cards we made for the Monday Night Football game on November 11th between our Seattle Seahawks and the San Francisco 49ers!***

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – No School, Seahawk Monday Night Football celebration with the Veterans at Claire's Place
- **Tuesday** – Music, Veterans Day Assembly @ 9:30 am (please join us), 2 pm Dismissal, Food Drive & Warm Clothing Drive start!
- **Wednesday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), UW Women's Basketball Game @ 10:00 am (possibly), please bring food & warm clothing
- **Thursday** – Music, Library, Spanish, please bring food & warm clothing
- **Friday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), School Family Activity @ 2:15 pm, please bring food & warm clothing

### ***Upcoming Important Dates:***

- *Nov. 12-22<sup>nd</sup> – Food Drive and Warm Clothing Drive – BIG NEED THIS YEAR! (Please see email from Ms. Bakamis with specific food needs)*
- *Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair*
- *Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> – Student-led Conferences (sign-up information is coming out soon!)*
- *Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Holiday*
- *Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Advent Prayer Service*
- *Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Figgy Pudding (MYP caroling Downtown Seattle)*
- *Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Peace (prayer service led by 7<sup>th</sup> Grade), Fr. Brad will hear confessions for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from 9 am - 12 pm*
- *Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy (prayer service led by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)*
- *Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Grade 3/4<sup>th</sup> Love (prayer service led by 5<sup>th</sup> grade) - Please join us if you are able!*