

November 18th, 2019

Holy Spirit, call us to ACTION

IB Attribute of the Month: Inquirer

*“All that I say is, examine, inquire. Look into the nature of things. Search out the grounds of your opinions, the for and against. Know why you believe, understand what you believe, and possess a reason for the faith that is in you.” - Frances Wright*

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. Throughout the week in Language Arts we will be working on identifying common and proper nouns with an assessment of these rules on Friday. In Reading we will be focussing on sequencing & analyzing characters. There will be NO spelling this week due to preparation for Student-led Conferences. We will be setting goals in each subject area and reflecting on our growth this trimester. *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 finish packing our ships for the simulation of traveling to the New World & we will set sail.*

In **Religion** we will be learning about the beatitudes & showing gratitude in our community. We will also continue our unit on God, Our Creator and Father. This unit focuses on God’s call to family, community, and participation. This fits perfectly with how 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 learning about the *Beatitudes* this week! We have many exciting activities planned to help us better understand what they mean and how we can apply them to our own lives. *These activities will include writing about them, artistic expressions of them, and an engaging Escape Room Challenge!*

In **Math**, Mrs. Dimock's class will continue with 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 Test on Thursday, November 21st**. Mr. Grahek's class we will be doing a review of concepts and work from Chapter 2 in preparation for the **Chapter 2 Test at the end of the week**. 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 25th (Total Time: 7 hr. & 15 minutes).*

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Food & Warm Clothing Drive, Library, Robotics, Spanish
- **Tuesday** – Music, 2 pm Dismissal, Food Drive & Warm Clothing Drive
- **Wednesday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Food & Warm Clothing Drive, Book Fair afterschool
- **Thursday** – Music, *Chapter 3 Math Test (Ms. Bakamis's Class)*, Library, Spanish, Food & Warm Clothing Drive, Book Fair
- **Friday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Food & Warm Clothing Drive, Book Fair

*Upcoming Important Dates:*

- Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> – *Student-led Conferences (sign-up information has been sent out!)*
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – *Thanksgiving Holiday(s)*

- *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!*