

December 9th, 2019

Holy Spirit, call us to ACTION

IB Attribute of the Month: Knowledgeable

*“If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.” - Margaret Fuller*

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

In **Religion** we will continue reflecting on ways of 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 reflecting on the second week of Advent. The theme for the week is **PEACE!** As we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus, we will be moving/adding pieces of the creche (located outside the LRC) closer and closer to the manger where the Baby Jesus lays on Christmas morning. We have many exciting activities planned to help us better understand what Peace means to us and how we can apply them to our own lives. ***We will also be learning about Our Lady of Guadalupe as we prepare to lead mass on Thursday @ 9:30 am. Please join us if you are able.***

In **Math**, Mrs. Dimock’s class will be continuing to explore the number system, working on operations with fractions. Ms. Bakamis’s class will continue our studies of Chapter 4: Dividing by a Two-Digit Divisor. Mr. Grahek’s class we will continue their lessons in Chapter 3: Dividing by a One-Digit Divisor. 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, December 16th (Total Time: 8 hours & 45 minutes).***

This week in **Reading & Language Arts**, we will continue working on grammar conventions, & reading strategies. Throughout the week in Language Arts we will be writing questions for interviews, expanding our sentences & singular/plural nouns with an assessment of these rules later in the week. In Reading we will be analyzing characters. There will be spelling this week with a test on Friday. ***Each student is expected to practice their words at least 3 times in their Words Their Way notebooks and turn their notebooks into Ms. Bakamis at the end of the***

*week. Each student is also expected to complete at LEAST 25 minutes of independent reading on a nightly basis.*

We will continue our Second Step Bullying Unit this week. This week we will focus on Recognizing, Reporting, and Refusing Bullying. Similar to Second Step lessons we completed during the first trimester, students will participate in a learning activity at school and then will be expected to complete a Homelink with a parent, trusted adult, or older sibling. ***All Second Step Homelinks will be turned in on Fridays.***

In **Science** we will continue our unit entitled “Water is essential to life and is a limited resource for many people. This unit focuses on the concepts of change, responsibility, conservation, & distribution. This unit helps students develop the idea that water is a profoundly important natural resource, but one which requires surprising ingenuity to find and maintain. The students will be participating in classroom experiments & hands-on activities. Some learning activities will be sent home if they are not completed in class.

**Important Dates THIS week:**

- **Monday** – Advent Prayer Service - Peace (please join us if you can!), Robotics, Spanish
- **Tuesday** – Music, 2 pm Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – PE (don’t forget your PE shoes!)
- **Thursday** – Mass @ 9:30 am (led by 5th grade - please join us if you can!), Music, Library, Spanish
- **Friday** – PE (don’t forget your PE shoes!)

***Upcoming Important Dates:***

- *Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>- Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy (prayer service led by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)*
- ***Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS PROGRAM @ 6:30 pm – NOTE THE NEW DATE***
- *Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - Love (prayer service led by 5<sup>th</sup> grade) - Please join us if you are able!, House Caroling Competition*

- *December 23rd - January 3rd - Christmas Vacation*
- *January 6th - School resumes*