

January 6th, 2020

Holy Spirit, call us to ACTION

IB Attribute of the Month: Principled

“Principles are what allow you to live a life consistent with those values. Principles connect your values to your actions.” - Ray Dalio

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. We will begin using a new & improved Weekly Reading Log to make sure that we are reading throughout the week. This will come home on Tuesday. *Each student is also expected to complete at LEAST 25 minutes of independent reading on a nightly basis.* We will begin learning about our monthly Bookworm Book Reports. Copies of both of these will be coming home with each student on Monday. *January’s Bookworm Book Report is due on Friday, January 31st, 2020!* Many of our writing assignments this week will be reflecting on New Year’s Resolutions & Goals that we have for 2020! We will continue with normal spelling this week. We will also put the finishing touches on our Social Studies writing assignments and turn these in to Google Classroom by Friday, January 10th, 2020.

We will continue our Second Step Bullying Unit this week. This week we will focus on Bystander Responsibility. 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. *This week Second Step Homelinks will be due on Friday.*

In **Science** we will wrap up 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.

In **Religion** we will continue reflecting on ways of showing love and appreciation to our families. 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 be visiting Hero’s Cafe on January 28th (9:30 am - 1:30 pm) to support**

the veterans in our own community. *Please let us know if are able to drive for this exciting field trip.*

In **Math**, in Mrs. Dimock's class we will be taking a test on **Chapter 4 this Thursday, January 9th**. Ms. Bakamis's class will begin our studies of Chapter 5: Adding & Subtracting Decimals. Mrs. Smith's class (formerly Mr. Grahek's class) will continue their lessons in Chapter 4: Dividing by a Two-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, January 13th (Total Time: 10 hours & 15 minutes).***

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Robotics, Library, Spanish
- **Tuesday** – Music, 2 pm Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!)
- **Thursday** – Music, Chapter 4 Math Test (Dimock class ONLY), Library, Spanish
- **Friday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Spelling Test, Spelling Practice Due, Reading Log Due, Social Studies Letters Due

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Saturday, January 11th – First Reconciliation @ 10:00AM*
- *Thursday, January 16th – PreK and Kindergarten Open House*
- *Friday, January 17th – Geography Bee*
- *Monday, January 20th – Martin Luther King Holiday (No School)*
- *Wednesday, January 22nd - Ms. Bakamis's Birthday*

- *Thursday, January 23rd – Parents Club Meeting*
- *Friday, January 24th – Progress Reports, Kickoff to Magazine Sale, & Fulcrum Celebration of Light Dinner*
- *Saturday, January 25th - Chinese New Year (Year of the Rat)*
- *Sunday, January 26th – Sunday Mass & Open House @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm - Catholic Schools Week Begins*
- *Monday, January 27th – Open House during school hours & MAP testing window opens*
- ***Tuesday, January 28th – Parent Appreciation Day, Field Trip to Hero's Cafe (please let us know if you are able to drive)***
- *Wednesday, January 29th – Community Appreciation Day, Grandparents Brunch @ 9:30 am, January Bookworm Book Report Due, LIKES Film in Auditorium @ 6:30 pm*
- *Thursday, January 30th – Staff Appreciation Day*
- *Friday, January 31st – Student Appreciation Day & International Festival!*