

January 27th, 2020

Holy Spirit, call us to ACTION

IB Attribute of the Month: Principled

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”- Martin Luther King Jr.

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 love and appreciation to our families. We will wrap our unit on Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. This unit focuses on the mystery of the Incarnation and our encounter with Jesus in Baptism & Confirmation. In this unit students will learn about New Life in Jesus, Meeting Jesus, Baptized in Christ, Growing in the Spirit, Celebrating Advent (this will be a quick review). This unit fits perfectly with how we are called to action and live how Jesus taught us. **We will be visiting Hero's Cafe on January 28th (9:30 am - 1:30 pm) to support the veterans in our own community.**

In **Math**, in Mrs. Dimock's class the students will be continuing to work with integers. Ms. Bakamis's class will begin our studies of Chapter 6: Multiplying & Dividing Decimals. Mrs. Smith's class (formerly Mr. Grahek's class) will wrap up their lessons in Chapter 4: Dividing by a Two-Digit Divisor. **Chapter 4 Test will be on Thursday.** 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, February 3rd (2nd Trimester Time: 4 hours & 15 minutes).**

This week in **Reading & Language Arts**, we will continue working on grammar conventions, & reading strategies. We will continue using a new & improved Monthly Reading Log to make sure that we are reading throughout the week. *Each student is also expected to complete at LEAST 25 minutes of independent reading on a nightly basis. Our goal for the month of January is to fill at LEAST 20 lines of the log. Please make sure to sign it before it is due on Monday, February 3rd, 2020.* We will continue working on 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!** In writing we will be working on using Action Verbs with Direct Objects. We will also continue with normal spelling this

week. ***Our Spelling Test will be on Thursday due to Student Appreciation Day.*** Spelling Practices may still be turned in on Friday.

We continue our new **Second Step** Unit this week. This Unit will focus on the Calm Down Strategies (Stop, Name your feeling, Calm Down). 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.***

This week we will continue our **Social Studies** unit entitled “Different Perspectives can cause conflict.” This unit focuses on the American Revolution and will have the students establishing their own colonies and working together in groups for the second part of our simulation game. There will be many interactive learning activities for the students. This is an inquiry into the ways in which we express ideas, culture, beliefs and values. The transdisciplinary theme that we are focussing on is ***how we express ourselves***. Our main areas of focus are **causation** and **perspective**. Our related concepts are conflict, justice, and power. 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, their communication skills, as well as their persuasive writing skills.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Catholic Schools Week begins, Open House Tour at 10 am, MAP Make-up Test
- **Tuesday** – Music, Hero’s Cafe Field Trip (please come in uniform & bring a sack lunch), Parent Appreciation Day - Watch for something special to come home for you on this day! 2 pm Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – PE (don’t forget your PE shoes!), Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 9:30 (please join us!), Community Appreciation Day, Grandparents Brunch after mass, LIKES Film in Auditorium @ 6:30 pm
- **Thursday** – Music, Library, Spanish, Spelling Test, MAP Make-up Test, Staff Appreciation Day

- **Friday – Free Dress, PE** (don't forget your PE shoes!), Student Appreciation Day, January Bookworm Book Report Due, Second Step Homelink Due, Spelling Practice Due, International Festival @ 6:30 pm in the Auditorium

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *February 8th & February 9th - Italian Dinner is coming up*
- *Feb 13th - Noon dismissal. Extension will be in session until 6:00 pm, but you will need to pack a lunch and snack for your student as there is no lunch service that day.*
- *Feb 13th - Black History Month Assembly*
- ***Tickets go on sale this week for the Winter Musical, Mary Poppins, Jr. Show will perform Thur - Sat; Feb 20, 21, 22. Tickets \$10/ Adult \$5 per child/student under 18***
- *Friday, February 21 - Mass at 9:30 am*
- *Feb 26th (Ash Wednesday) - All School Mass at 9:30 am*