

February 10th, 2020

Holy Spirit, call us to ACTION

IB Attribute of the Month: Open-Minded

*“Music is open-minded and has always travelled, every country takes something from another, and that's what makes the richness of music.” - Jain*

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 begin our historical fiction book club groups. In these groups, we will be exploring how different perspectives can cause conflict during the American Revolution. There will be many skills that we focus on like vocabulary, comprehension, and making predictions. We will also 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 February is to fill at LEAST 15 lines of the log. Entries can be completed in class with our book club books or at home with our independent reading novels. Please make sure to sign it before it is due on Monday, March 2nd, 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. *February's Bookworm Book Report is due on Friday, February 28th, 2020!* In writing we will be working on using Linking Verbs. We will also continue with normal spelling this week. Spelling Practices may still be turned in on Friday.

We continue our new **Second Step** Unit this week. This Unit will focus on different ways to Manage Frustration. 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 Tuesday, February 18th.*

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 focusing 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.

In **Religion** we will explore Unit 4 - Sacraments, Our W. Throughout this unit we will learn about \_\_\_\_\_.

In **Math**, Mrs. Dimock's math class, we will begin to tackle exponents, order of operations, and expressions. Great job on integers! Ms. Bakamis's class will continue our studies of Chapter 6: Multiplying & Dividing Decimals. Mrs. Smith's class will continue their lessons in Chapter 5: Adding & Subtracting Decimals. 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 17th (2nd Trimester Time: 5 hours & 45 minutes).***

#### **Important Dates THIS week:**

- ***Tickets are on sale for the Winter Musical, Mary Poppins, Jr. Show will perform Thursday - Saturday; Feb 20, 21, 22. Tickets \$10/ Adult \$5 per child/student under 18***
- **Monday** – Robotics, Library, Spanish, **Magazine Sale continues**
- **Tuesday** – Music, **Magazine Sale continues**, 2 pm Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), **Magazine Sale continues**
- **Thursday** – Music, Library, Spanish, 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*, **Magazine Sale continues**
- **Friday** – No School, **Magazine Sale ends**

***Upcoming Important Dates:***

- *Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – President’s Day Holiday*
- *Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> – Mary Poppins Opening Night*
- *Friday, February 21st - Mass at 9:30 am (please join us!), Mary Poppins*
- *Saturday, February 22nd - Mary Poppins*
- *Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Food Drive begins*
- *Wednesday, February 26th (Ash Wednesday) - All School Mass at 9:30 am*
- *Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – State of the School*
- *Friday, March 6th - Lenten Food Drive ends*