

March 2nd, 2020

Holy Spirit, call us to ACTION

IB Attribute of the Month: Risk-Takers

“Be brave. Take risks. Nothing can substitute experience.” - Paulo Coelho

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

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 focus our time and reflections as we begin the season of Lent. Our virtue of the week is *diligence* & we will learn about *St. Francis de Sales*. There will be multiple opportunities for the students to share how they are diligent learners and what stood out to them in the life of St. Francis de Sales. We will also begin to review lessons that we have learned so far and concepts for the ACRE test that the students will take in April. The students will be given access to a Quizlet on the Homework site to practice for this Assessment.

In **Math**, *Mrs. Dimock's* math class, students will get back their previous assessments for Ch. 6. We will go over how to do test corrections. Students will have one week to complete these for credit. Students will take a test on Ch. 7 (Equations) on Thursday. It is important for students to demonstrate the ability to balance both sides of the equation and write an equation, not merely solve.. *Ms. Bakamis's* class will begin our studies of Chapter 7: Patterns & Expressions. ***Test Corrections for Chapter 6 are due on Friday, March 6th.*** *Mrs. Smith's* class will begin their lessons in Chapter 6: Multiplying & Dividing 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, March 9th (2nd Trimester Time: 8 hours).***

This week in **Reading & Language Arts**, we will continue 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 Wednesday, April 1st, 2020. (No fooling :D)* We will continue working on our monthly Bookworm Book Reports. Since we are working hard in our historical fiction book groups, we will be pushing the ***February/March Bookworm Book Report's due date to Tuesday, March 31st, 2020!*** In **Writing**, we will focus on writing descriptive pieces that tie into our Social Studies simulation. Our grammar lessons for the week will be on irregular verbs. There will be an assessment on Friday. We will also continue with normal spelling this week with a Spelling Test on Friday (3/6). The students are expected to complete at LEAST 3 Spelling Practices that will be turned in on Friday (3/6).

In **Second Step** this week we will focus on Avoiding Assumptions. 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, March 6th.***

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Spanish, Robotics, Library, February Reading Logs Due, Lenten Food Drive continues
- **Tuesday** – Music, Lenten Food Drive continues, 2 pm Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Lenten Prayer Service @ 2:30 pm, Lenten Food Drive continues
- **Thursday** – Music, Library, Spanish, Lenten Food Drive continues
- **Friday** – PE (don't forget your PE shoes!), Spelling Test #9, Irregular Verbs Assessment, Second Step Homelink #15 due, Lenten Food Drive ends

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *March 9th – Monday Lenten Prayer Service*
- *March 11th – Wednesday afternoon Mass before dismissal*
- ***March 12th – End of 2nd Trimester***
- ***March 13th – Non-Student Day (No School), Full Day of Accreditation Workday***
- ***March 14th – Math Olympiad for student in grades 3-8 (Shoreline Community College)***
- ***March 16th - Monday Prayer Service (led by 5th Grade)***
- ***March 18th – Wednesday Afternoon Mass before dismissal (5th Grade is responsible, Please join us!)***
- *March 19th – School Reconciliation Services*
- ***March 20th – Report Cards go Home & Fulcrum Staff Visiting Our School***
- ***March 21st-27th – Usborne Book Fair***
- *March 23rd – Monday Lenten Prayer Service*
- *March 25th – Wednesday Lenten Mass before dismissal*
- ***March 26th – Spring Conferences***
- ***March 27th – Spring Conferences***
- *March 20th – Monday Lenten Prayer Service*
- ***March 31st – Spring Open House***