



September 14th, 2020

IB Attribute of the Month: Caring

**Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!**

*“I love being nurturing and caring because I love to see other people happy.” - Jennifer Hudson*

We will continue our virtual learning procedures this week. This week is packed with exciting learning activities! Here’s where we’re headed this week in the classroom.

In **Science** we will continue our first unit on how organic matter cycles through our living world in systems of interdependent parts. We will have our first Mystery Science lesson on Wednesday during our Zoom session! This will be an exciting way for us to generate questions about our unit and begin our exploration into the ecosystems around us. Many of our lessons will focus on ecology and will help the students develop the idea that plants, animals, and fungi form a system of interdependent parts, with each part dependent on the other parts for its material nourishment.

In **Religion** this week we will begin discussing our hopes for the upcoming year as a class. We will be exploring our September attribute of Caring and where we have seen it in our own lives. We will also be reviewing September 11th and how our nation came together in times of struggle.

In **Math**, we will begin our Math classes this week. Mrs. Smith’s & Ms. Bakamis’s Math classes will be a virtual mix of 5A & 5B students. This means that your student may have a different teacher than his or her Homeroom teacher for their Math instruction. Both classes will begin with Chapter 1 in our Math Textbook/Workbook which focuses on Place Value. This week in Math 6 with Mrs. Dimock

students will learn about unit rates, graphing ratios, and equivalent ratios. On Thursday, students will explore interactive simulation of ratios using Nearpod. We will do this together as a class. **Math 6 ALEKS reminder:** Students have a recurring assignment to complete a minimum of 5 ALEKS topics each week. The assignment is due every Monday at 8 am. If your student says they have no work, ask if they have done their 5 topics. Students can only access ALEKS through the online textbook.

This week in **Reading & Writing**, we will continue assessing their spelling skills, grammar conventions, and reading strategies. In **Reading**, we will be taking an assessment of our Reading skills at the beginning of the week. As we wrap up the week we will be working on our comprehension skills as we read informational, non-fiction texts. As a nightly practice, the students will be expected to complete at LEAST 25 minutes of reading. In **Writing**, students will be writing a postcard to their teachers due on Friday. Students will also be introduced to the Lucy Calkins Unit of Study on informational writing which ties in with our IB Science inquiry into the Web of Life and Food Chains.

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

- **Monday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance
- **Tuesday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance
- **Wednesday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **Parents Club Meeting Via Zoom**
- **Thursday** – normal virtual day, , specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance
- **Friday** – Independent Work day, specific assignments will be posted in our Google Classrooms, on our Homework website, & our Weekly-at-a-Glance

#### ***Upcoming Important Dates:***

- *Monday - Friday, September 11th - October 16th – MAP TESTING*
- *Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> - Free Dress Day, Family Drive-in Movie Night*
- *Thursday - Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - IB Authorization Team for MYP*
- *Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - Proposed date for St. Luke-A-Thon and TRUNK or TREAT*
- *Thursday - Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - IB Authorization Team for PYP*