



September 21st, 2020

IB Attribute of the Month: Caring

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

*"You can't have it all all at once. Over my lifespan, I think I have had it all, but in given periods in time, things were rough. And if you have a caring partner, you help the other person when that person needs it." - Ruth Bader Ginsburg*

This week is packed with exciting learning activities! Here's where we're headed this week in the classroom.

In **Religion** this week we will be diving into our first chapter of the religion book, God Created Us. We will be sharing our hopes for the upcoming year as a class and things that bring us hope. By the end of the week we will be writing our own prayers about the Earth and sharing them on FlipGrid. We also will continue on with our **Second Step & Self-Care** lessons this week with a focus on Listening with Attention. Each student will be assigned a Homelink that will be due on Sunday night.

In **Math**, we will continue our Math classes this week. **Mrs. Smith's** class will review the Chapter 1 Check My Progress quiz on Monday. Monday, students should log into Moby Max and take the Fact Fluency placement quiz. Students should work in Moby Max for at least 15 minutes/day this week on fact fluency and assigned lessons. For the rest of this week, Mrs. Smith math will cover Chapter 1, Lessons 5-7. We will finish Chapter 1 on Tuesday next week. There will be a Chapter 1 test next Thursday (10/1) over Lessons 1-8. **Ms. Bakamis's** class will continue our lessons in Chapter 1 on Place Value. We will wrap up our lessons by the end of the week with our **Chapter 1 Test on Monday, September 28th!** Along with their regular homework, all students in Mrs. Smith's & Ms. Bakamis's classes will be expected to complete 45 minutes of MobyMax by Sunday night! This week in Math 6 with **Mrs. Dimock** This week students are finishing up Chapter 1. There will be lots of time spent doing review work. The test will be the following Monday, September 28th. 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 comparing & contrasting two books about the rainforest.

Students will be introduced to an electronic Reading Log this week. As a nightly practice, the students will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading. In **Writing**, students have finished the brainstorming phase of their informative essay on Caring for Our Planet. This week, students will start the prewriting phase by choosing a topic, making a concept map in BrainPop, looking for common themes and ideas, then deciding on 3 subtopics. Students have a starter outline they are to complete by Friday and submit to Mrs. Smith. Please see details in Google Classroom Writing/Grammar/Spelling, 5B. In Spelling, students will meet with Mrs. Smith on Monday to review new assignments in Words Their Way. There is a choice board and direction attached to the Spelling section of your child's Writing class for options on practicing spelling words this week. The spelling test will be on Friday in Words Their Way.

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.

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

- **Monday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance
- **Tuesday** – normal virtual day, **Spanish class begins**, 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
- **Thursday** – normal virtual day, , specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance
- **Friday** – **Free Dress Day**, Independent Work day, specific assignments will be posted in our Google Classrooms, on our Homework website, & our Weekly-at-a-Glance, *Family Drive-in Movie Night*

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

- *Planned Reopening of School for grades K - 2nd*
- *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*