



October 12th, 2020

IB Attributes of the Months: **Balanced**

Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!

“Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome.” - Arthur Ashe

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 unit on how organic matter cycles through our living world in systems of interdependent parts. We will have an exciting Mystery Science lesson on Wednesday during our Zoom session! This will be an engaging 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 be continuing on with the first chapter of the religion book, God Created Us. We will be focusing on how God directs our lives & the Beatitudes. Ms. Bakamis will be going over the Second Step Lesson on Being Assertive during our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Wednesday morning. We will also be sharing things that help us stay balanced.

In **Math**, we will continue our three Math classes this week. *Mrs. Smith’s* class will continue working in Chapter 2 in Math focusing on Problem Solving (Making a Table) and the Distributive Property. Students will have a **quiz over Lessons 1-5 on Wednesday**. Please remember to upload photos of the assigned homework in Google Classroom. If students know how to use Kami and submit in Google Classroom, I attach a PDF of the daily math homework in Google Classroom also. Students should continue working in Moby Max for at least 45 minutes/week. *Ms. Bakamis’* class will continue our lessons in Chapter 2 - Multiplying Whole Numbers this week. On Monday, we will review all of the lessons we have covered so far followed by a Quiz that will be taken over Zoom. Our lessons will focus on Partial Products, the Distributive Property, and Estimating Products. Along with their regular homework, Students should also keep up with the required 45 minutes of Moby Max per week (by Sunday night) which is worth 10 points per week in Math! In *Mrs. Dimock’s* class students did a great job with the Art of the Percent project. It helped them draw a stronger understanding of the relationship between fractions, decimals, and percents.

The 100 People Project is due this Monday, October 12th. The project includes BOTH a poster and a writing assignment. There is a google slide template if they would like to do a digital version. It is important that students remember to complete their weekly ALEKS. Not doing so negatively impacts their grade.

This week in **Reading & Vocabulary**, we will be learning about two different candidate's views on Climate Change in the Environment. The students will first learn about climate change by reading a Scholastic News article, and then they will read the positions of two candidates. By the end of the week, they will be explaining which candidate (A or B) they agree with and why. We will also continue to use our Digital Reading Log this week. As a nightly practice, the students will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading.

In **Writing**, most students have finished the second paragraph of their 5-paragraph Informational Essay. This week students continue research, taking notes, summarizing and writing a rough draft of their third and fourth paragraphs. Last week, students were introduced to some online bibliography sites such as "EasyBib" and "MyBib" for citing references for their bibliography. On Thursday, students will share their rough draft of paragraphs 3 and 4. **The final copy of paragraphs 3 and 4 are due on Tuesday, October 20.** Please see details in Google Classroom Writing/Grammar/Spelling, 5B. There is no **spelling** this week due to the short week.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance
- **Tuesday** – normal virtual day, **5B Lunch Party @ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm, Spanish class @ 1:30 pm**, 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** – All-School Mass @ 9:30 am, **5th Study Hall @ 11:30 am - 12:30 pm (with Mrs. Smith)**, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **Mid-Trimester Reports will be emailed**
- **Friday** – **Staff Inservice, NO LIVE Zoom Classes**, specific assignments will be posted in our Google Classrooms, on our Homework website, & our Weekly-at-a-Glance

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Tuesday - Thursday, October 20th - 22nd - 5th Grade MAP Testing at Home on Zoom monitored by Mrs. Smith & Ms. Bakamis @ 10:30 am - 12:00pm**
- **Thursday - Friday, October 22nd & 23rd - IB Authorization Team for MYP**
- **Friday, October 23rd - 5th Grade Mass @ 8:35 am (Please join us!)**
- **Wednesday, October 28th - Proposed date for St. Luke-A-Thon and TRUNK or TREAT**
- **Thursday - Friday, October 29th & 30th - IB Authorization Team for PYP**
- **Monday - Wednesday, November 23rd - 25th - Student-led Conferences (sign-ups will be emailed out soon)**