



October 5th, 2020

IB Attributes of the Months: **Balanced**

Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!

“Focus on being balanced - success is balance.” - Laila Ali

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

This week in **Reading & Vocabulary**, we will be checking in about their research topics and will 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 introductory paragraph of their 5-paragraph Informational Essay. This week students begin research on their first subtopic, citing references for a bibliography and completing a draft of paragraph 2 by Thursday to share in a writing group. **The final copy of paragraph 2 is due on Friday, 10/9.** Please see details in Google Classroom

Writing/Grammar/Spelling, 5B. In **Spelling**, students have been assigned new list words in Words Their Way on the Savvas/Realize website. Students will also be introduced to a new spelling website called *Vocabulary A-Z* (<https://www.vocabularya-z.com/#!/member-home>) which has a choice of spelling activities and games. **This is also where they will take their Spelling Test on Friday.** Students have the option of completing activities on the choice board or spelling games in Vocabulary A-Z to practice words. Only the Words Their Way activities and spelling test count for a grade.

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 reflecting on which IB attributes that we see in ourselves and which ones we would like to work on for the rest of the trimester. Ms. Bakamis will be going over the *Teaching Safety Lesson* during our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Wednesday morning. Opt out forms will be attached to our 5B Weekly

email. The students will also be reflecting on which IB Attributes they have shown this trimester and which ones they want to work on.

In **Math**, we will continue our three Math classes this week. **Mrs. Smith's** class will begin Chapter 2 in Math focusing on Prime Factorization, Powers and Exponents, Multiplication Patterns and Problem Solving (Making a Table). Please remember to upload photos of the assigned homework in Google Classroom. Students should also 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. Our lessons will focus on Prime Factorization, Powers & Exponents, & Multiplication Patterns. 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! This week in **Mrs. Dimock's** class Chapter 1 test corrections are due Tuesday. Students must follow test correction format to receive credit. We are now applying our knowledge of ratios and proportions to better understand the relationship between fractions, decimals, and percents. On Wednesday, students will do a short art project to investigate percent. **The Art of the Percent project will be due Friday. The 100 People Project is due the following Monday, October 12th.** It is important that students remember to complete their weekly ALEKS. Not doing so negatively impacts their grade.

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 @ 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** – normal virtual day, 5th Grade Lunch Party @ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm, 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:

- *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*