



November 2nd, 2020

IB Attributes of the Month: Inquirer

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

*"There's always a new challenge to keep you motivated." - Sean Connery*

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 reading books at our own level this week. We will also finish reading the book entitled **Washed Up!** in our Savvas/Realize. The students will be able to read this on their own during school hours. If needed, the text can be read to them by using the arrows on each page above the words. Once the entire class finishes reading this book, we will be taking a **Vocabulary Assessment also on Savvas/Realize due on Sunday, November 8th.** We will begin working on our November Digital Reading Logs & our November Book Reports this week. Each student should have 15 entries on their Digital Reading Log to receive full credit on this assignment. Our **November Reading Log & the November Book Report are due on Monday, November 30th!** As a nightly practice, the students will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading. The students will review their progress on taking AR Quizzes on the books they've read so far this trimester. Our first trimester goal is 15 AR points.

In **Writing**, students have published their books. The link for your child's book will be shared next week. They did a beautiful job on their projects and I'm proud of how far they've come in a short time. This week, students are reflecting on this writing journey by revisiting the padlet at the start of the inquiry, reviewing their concept map and the writing process. Students will write a reflection on this project. They'll also have the opportunity to leave a book review about a book they've read in the 5A Class Library. **Grammar:** Fifth graders will continue with grammar this week focusing on nouns (common, proper, singular, plural and irregular). Students will use Moby Max this week for grammar practice. **Spelling:** Students will have spelling this week and assignments on the Savvas/Realize website. There are spelling activities on Vocabulary A-Z where students also take the spelling test.

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 learning about how we celebrate All Saints Day, All Souls Day, and Dia de los Muertos. We will be looking into the similarities and differences between all three celebrations. Ms. Bakamis will be going over the Second Step Lesson on Accepting Differences during our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Wednesday morning.

In **Math**, we will continue our three Math classes this week. *Mrs. Smith's* class will begin Chapter 3: Divide by a One-Digit Divisor. Students will begin the chapter with a review of vocabulary from Chapters 1-2 and new vocabulary from Chapter 3. We begin the unit with a review of fact families (relating multiplication and division), using "hands-on" division models, begin long division with a two-digit dividend, and look at division patterns. Long division is challenging for 5th graders so knowing basic facts is essential. Please remember to upload photos of assigned work to the correct homework assignment in Google Classroom. Students should continue working in Moby Max for at least 45 minutes/week. *Ms. Bakamis'* class will continue our lessons in Chapter 3: Divide by a One-Digit Divisor. Along with their daily homework, students should also keep up with the required 45 minutes of Moby Max per week (by Sunday night) which is worth 5 points per week in Math! In *Mrs. Dimock's* class students took the Chapter 2 test this last week. We will go over the test on Monday. Test corrections will be due the following Monday. Our new unit is the number system. We will be learning/practicing operations with decimals and fractions. Remind your student that ALEKS is due Monday at 8 am every week.

### 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, **5B Lunch Zoom @ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm**, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **5th Grade Happy Hour with Yelin @ 4 pm - 4:30 pm**
- **Friday** – normal virtual day, Independent Work Day, specific assignments will be posted in our Google Classrooms, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, Virtual Progress Reports get sent home

### Upcoming Important Dates:

- Monday - Friday, November 9th – 20th Fall Food Drive (Drop Food by the School)
- Wednesday, November - 11th Veterans Day Holiday
- Monday - Wednesday, November 23rd - 25th - Student-led Conferences (sign-ups will be emailed out soon)
- Thursday & Friday, November 26th – 27th THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (NO SCHOOL!)
- Friday, December 4th - First Trimester Report Cards Sent Out, Figgy Pudding – "virtually" MYP Choir