



November 30th, 2020

IB Attributes of the Months: Inquirer/Knowledgeable

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

*“Be true to yourself, help others, make each day your masterpiece, make friendship a fine art, drink deeply from good books ... build a shelter against a rainy day, give thanks for your blessings and pray for guidance every day.” - John Wooden*

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 learn about Advent. Ms. Bakamis will be going over Self-Care strategies during our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Wednesday morning this week.

In **Math**, this week **Mrs. Smith’s** class will finish Chapter 3 over dividing by a one-digit divisor. There will be a chapter 3 review over chapters 1-12 on Thursday. **The Chapter 3 test will be next Tuesday.** *Parents, please help us enforce the 45 minute minimum in ALEKS every week Monday through Sunday. This is so important as a supplement to online learning. ALEKS is a program of individualized instruction based on your child’s math skills and is based on the 5th Grade math learning standards. ALEKS is also aligned with the chapters in your child’s math book. Grades for ALEKS count for 5 points/week and the cutoff is Sunday night at midnight.* **Ms. Bakamis’** class will wrap up our lessons in Chapter 3: Divide by a One-Digit Divisor, these lessons will focus on interpreting the remainder, problem-solving, and reviewing for the **Chapter 3 Math Test on Thursday**. Along with their daily homework, students should also keep up with the required 45 minutes of ALEKS per week (by Sunday night) which is worth 5 points per week in Math! In **Mrs. Dimock’s** class, we will finish our chapter on fractions this week. Tips and Tricks for each student are now available in the gray file crate on the table by the front office. Please swing by school and pick up the Tips N’ Tricks. Remind your student that **ALEKS is due Monday at 8 am every week.**

This week in **Reading & Vocabulary**, we will be finding interesting books to read at our own Lexile Level. The students will also continue reading at LEAST 2 books on Early Colonial life from our text collection on Epic! We’ll also start working on our December Digital Reading Logs & our December Book Reports this week. Each student should have 15 entries on their Digital Reading Log to receive full credit on this assignment. Our **December Reading Log & the December Book Report are due on Monday, January 4th!** 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 second trimester goal is 15 AR points.

In **Writing**, 5th Grade will continue our 5th grade writing curriculum using [Lucy Calkins "Units of Study."](#) This week students will be given a digital writing journal that they must use every day and share with me at the end of the week. Please [watch this video for parents/caregivers as we begin our new Personal Narrative writing unit.](#) It explains what you as a parent can do to assist and encourage your child to write his/her own personal narratives. I hope you enjoy working with your child on this unit! In Grammar, students will be required to complete 30 minutes of grammar practice in MobyMax every week in the second trimester. **Spelling:** There will be spelling this week. Weekly practice is done on the Savvas Realize website and the spelling test is on the Vocabulary A-Z website. The links for both are in Google Classroom > 5th Grade Grammar and Spelling.

In **Social Studies** we will continue our new unit entitled "Opportunity motivates people to leave home." The students will be learning about where we are in place and time through an interactive simulation. They will be split into cooperative groups as they learn about travelling to the New World and difficult decisions that colonists had to make as they left their home countries. This unit is an inquiry into how trade impacts societies, geography influences human settlement, culture, and how significant historical events have an implication for current decisions and influence the future. The concepts we are covering are: **change, connection, trade, and cost & benefits.**

#### 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 Zoom @ 11:30 am - 12:00 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, **Library @ 12:30 pm**
- **Thursday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance
- **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, **Report Cards will be mailed home**

#### *Upcoming Important Dates:*

- *Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - Second Week of Advent - Peace (prayer service led by 7<sup>th</sup> Grade)*
- *Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - All School Virtual Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception (9:30 am)*
- *Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - Third Week of Advent – Joy (prayer service led by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)*
- *Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Week of Advent - Love (prayer service led by 5<sup>th</sup> grade)*
- *Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas break begins*
- *Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – First day back to school after Christmas break*