



December 7th, 2020

IB Attributes of the Month: Knowledgeable

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

*"The larger the island of knowledge, the longer the shoreline of wonder." - Ralph W. Sockman*

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

In **Math**, this week *Mrs. Smith's* class will take a chapter 3 practice test over chapters 1-12 on Monday. **The Chapter 3 test will be Wednesday.** We will begin chapter 4 over division with 2-digit divisors on Thursday. This week Mrs. Smith's students are taking basic facts assessments in ALEKS. There will be a different assessment every day Monday through Thursday (Monday, addition; Tuesday, subtraction; Wednesday, multiplication; and, Thursday, division). This week, the 45-minute requirement for ALEKS will be fulfilled by taking the Basic Facts Assessments (1-12) in ALEKS. *Ms. Bakamis'* class will begin our lessons in Chapter 4: Dividing by a Two-digit Divisor, we will take a Pretest at the beginning of the week to assess what we already know and where we need to focus our studies in this chapter. The specifics on each lesson/assignment will be posted in Google Classroom. 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* We will be taking the Ch. 4 test on fractions this week on Wednesday. We will review on Monday. Our next unit will see us exploring Integers and Expressions. ALEKS is due Monday at 8 am.

This week in **Reading & Vocabulary**, we will be working on identifying key ideas & details as well as finding books to read for our Social Studie Colony Brochures. We'll also continue 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 Logs & the December Book Reports 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 continue generating personal narrative entries in their online writing journal. Students will aim to maintain point of view by remembering to stay in the point of view of the narrator. This week students will also use the Grade 5 Narrative Checklist to reflect on their writing and set some goals. Parents, journal entries are worth 10 points per week. Grading is based on whether students meet the week's objectives. So, this

week, your child's writing grade is based on maintaining point of view in writing as well as setting personal goals for writing and striving for that goal in their narrative entry. **Spelling:** *There will be spelling this week.* This week's practice is 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.**

In **Religion** this week we will continue with our studies on the season of Advent as we prepare our minds & hearts for Christmas. In our Second Step class this week we will begin our second unit on Managing Our Emotions. This week Ms. Bakamis will be introducing us to Emotional Management during our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Wednesday morning this week. Each student is responsible for completing the Second Step Homelink with an adult family member.

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

- **Monday** – Second Week of Advent - Peace (prayer service led by 7<sup>th</sup> Grade), normal virtual day, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **5B Lunch Zoom @ 11:30 am - 12:00 pm, Office Hours @ 1pm - 2pm**
- **Tuesday** – **All School Virtual Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception (9:30 am) - please come in your best school uniform**, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **Music @ 12:30 pm, Robotics @ 1:00 pm**
- **Wednesday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **Library @ 12:30 pm, Office Hours @ 1pm - 2pm**
- **Thursday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments will be listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **Study Hall @ 11:30 am - 12:30 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, **Report Cards will be mailed home**

#### *Upcoming Important Dates:*

- *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*