



January 18th, 2021

IB Attributes of the Month: PRINCIPLED

Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!

"We are not makers of history. We are made by history." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 focus on Session 8: Baptized into Christ. We will be learning about the sacrament of Baptism and we will reflect on how we are a light for the world by serving others. This week Ms. Bakamis will be teaching us the importance of Managing Frustration during our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Wednesday morning this week. Each student is responsible for completing the Second Step Homelink #12 with an adult family member by Sunday, January 17th.

In **Math**, this week **Mrs. Smith's** students will continue working on Chapter 5 on adding and subtracting decimals to the thousandths place. Students will have a quiz on Thursday over lessons 1-3 in Chapter 5 (rounding and estimating decimals). Please remind your son/daughter about completing 45 minutes of ALEKS this week by Sunday, January 24. **Ms. Bakamis'** class will continue our lessons in Chapter 5: Adding & Subtracting Decimals. Our lessons will focus on reviewing rounding decimals, estimating sums & differences when working with decimals. At the end of the week, we will be taking a Quiz on Lessons 1 - 3. Along with their daily homework, students should also keep up with the required 45 minutes of ALEKS per week (by Monday night) which is worth 5 points per week in Math! In **Mrs. Dimock's** class there will be NO zooms on Wednesday and Thursday due to MAP testing in the 6th grade. **The new workbooks are now available for pickup.** Each is labeled with the student's name. Workbooks need to be picked up before Tuesday, January 26th. Please remind your students to complete 5 topics of ALEKS by Monday at 8 am.

This week in **Reading & Vocabulary**, we will continue reading about our assigned colonies for our Social Studies Colony Brochure Project. Students should also continue working on our January Digital Reading Logs. Each student should have 15 entries on their Digital Reading Log to receive full credit on this assignment. Our **January Digital Reading Logs are due Sunday, January 31st!** 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** students will take a break from personal narratives and write a short fictional journal entry for Social Studies, describing their feelings about the two-month sea journey to the New World. **Grammar:** Students who did not finish 30 minutes of Language in MobyMax last week have an opportunity to make it up this week. No Spelling this week.

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 have split into cooperative groups to 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.** The students will reflect on their sailing voyages and will be writing diary entries describing their experiences in great detail. We will also be working on our digital Colonial Brochures during our Reading & Writing times this week.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – No School in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **Tuesday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **5B Class Lunch @ 11:30 am - 12 pm, Robotics @ 1:00 pm**
- **Wednesday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **Library @ 12:30 pm, Music @ 1:00 pm, Office Hours @ 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm**
- **Thursday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **Study Hall with Mrs. Smith @ 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Office Hours @ 1 pm - 2 pm**
- **Friday** – **Ms. Bakamis's Birthday!**, normal virtual day, Independent Work Day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **Office Hours @ 10 am - 12 pm**, Mid.-Trimester Reports go home

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Friday, January 29th – Fulcrum Celebration of Light "virtual" event*
- *Sunday - Friday, January 31st - February 5th - Catholic Schools Week (details will come later)*
- *Friday, February 12th – Accreditation Pre-visit and staff workday for Accreditation, No School*
- *March 9th – 11th – ACCREDITATION VISIT*