



January 25th, 2021

IB Attributes of the Month: PRINCIPLED

Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!

"My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was keep swinging." - Hank Aaron

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** 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 4-7 in Chapter 5. Please remind your son/daughter about completing 45 minutes or 5 topics of ALEKS this week by Sunday, January 31. **Ms. Bakamis'** class will continue our lessons in Chapter 5: Adding & Subtracting Decimals. Our lessons will focus on using models to add decimals, adding decimals, and Addition Properties. We will review these lessons before we have a Ch.5 L4 - L7 Quiz on Monday, February 1st. Along with their daily homework, students should also keep up with the required or 5 topics of ALEKS this week by Sunday night which is worth 5 points per week in Math! In **Mrs. Dimock's** class test corrections for the Ch. 5 Integers test are **due Tuesday**. Students will be doing a IB task, recognizing patterns and relationships with integers, on Monday. There is a "Disaster Map" available for pick up to use with the task if students do not have access to a printer. **We will begin the new book on Tuesday**. If you have not yet done so, please pick up the new math workbook. As always, 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 continue with their personal narratives this week. Monday, students will focus on how characters in personal narratives travel through time and space. As writers, they will learn to highlight the meaning they most want to show by imagining future events and remembering past events that connect to what their story is really about. Wednesday, students will end this second section of the personal narrative unit by writing an ending that leaves their readers with something big at the end. Writers will think back to what they most wanted or struggled for in their stories and ask, "What is it I want to say to my readers about this struggle--this journey?" Then, they write an ending that shows this. On Thursday, students will have an opportunity to share their stories in class. I'm looking forward to hearing their stories. There will be

spelling this week. Spelling practice is in *Words Their Way* on the Savvas-Realize website. The spelling test will be on Vocabulary A-Z. Spelling practice and test are both due on Friday, January 29.

In **Social Studies** we will continue our 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 finish working on our digital Colonial Brochures this week. Their completed **Colonial Brochures are due Sunday, January 31st**.

In **Religion** this week we will focus on Session 8: Growing in the Spirit. We will be learning about the sacrament of Confirmation and we will reflect on how we are called to participate in our community. This week Ms. Bakamis will be teaching us the importance of Resisting Revenge during our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Wednesday morning this week. Each student is responsible for completing the Second Step Homelink #13 with an adult family member by Sunday, January 31st.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance
- **Tuesday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **MAP Testing (Reading) @ 11:30 pm - 12:30 pm, Robotics @ 1:00 pm**
- **Wednesday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **MAP Testing (Math) @ 11:30 pm - 12:30 pm, Library @ 12:30 pm, Music @ 1:00 pm**
- **Thursday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **MAP Testing (Language) @ 11:30 pm - 12:30 pm**
- **Friday** – normal virtual day, **UW Women's Basketball Virtual Field Trip (more details will be emailed out)**, Independent Work Day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, Fulcrum Celebration of Light "virtual" event

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Sunday - Friday, January 31st - February 5th - Catholic Schools Week*
 - *Sunday, January 31st - Mass @ 9:00 am via Facebook Live*
 - *Monday, February 1st - Parent Appreciation Day & Crazy Hat Day*
 - *Tuesday, February 2nd - Celebrate Lifelong Learners & Catholic School Spirit Shirts*
 - *Wednesday, February 3rd - Celebrate our Faith-based Community & School Mass (uniforms)*
 - *Thursday, February 4th - Celebrate our St. Luke Fan Club & Crazy Hair Day*
 - *Friday, February 5th - Celebrate our School Community & Free Dress @ Home*
- *Friday, February 12th – Accreditation Pre-visit and staff workday for Accreditation, No School*
- *March 9th – 11th – ACCREDITATION VISIT*