



December 14th, 2020

IB Attributes of the Month: Knowledgeable

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

*“If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.” - Margaret Fuller*

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 working on identifying key ideas & details in groups. We will also be picking up our books to read for our Social Studie Colony Brochure Project. Some books will be assigned on Epic! after we return from our Holiday Break. Students should 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 are due Monday, January 4th & December Book Reports are due on Friday, January 8th!** 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 end the first section of Personal Narrative writing. Students will be introduced to the Grade 5 Narrative Checklist to reflect on their personal narrative writing up to this point and set some personal goals for writing. Wednesday is our last day of writing in 2020. To end the year, students will be asked to *write the most powerful lead they’ve ever written.* In Grammar this week, students will practice for a minimum of 30 minutes in MobyMax. There is 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 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. This week Ms. Bakamis will be teaching us the importance of Calming Down during our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Wednesday morning this week. Each student is responsible for completing the Second Step Homelink #10 with an adult family member by Sunday, December 20th.

In **Math**, this week *Mrs. Smith's* class students began chapter 4 over division with 2-digit divisors on Thursday. This week, students will have two more days of practicing dividing by a 2-digit divisor. There will be plenty of opportunities for problem-solving and questions during online class. This is a difficult concept because of all the steps and sequencing involved in solving long division problems. Any help at home is welcome and encouraged! In addition to solving 2-digit divisor division problems, students are required to complete at least 45 minutes of ALEKS by Sunday night (12/20) No ALEKS is required during Christmas Break! Enjoy your well-deserved time off! *Ms. Bakamis'* class will continue our lessons in Chapter 4: Dividing by a Two-digit Divisor. 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! No additional ALEKS time will be assigned over break. In *Mrs. Dimock's* we started our new unit, Integers and Expressions. Test corrections for Ch. 4 are due next Thursday. Students have ALEKS due Monday, but no additional ALEKS is assigned next week or over break.

#### Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Third Week of Advent - Joy (prayer service led by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade), normal virtual day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **Office Hours @ 1pm - 2pm**
- **Tuesday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **Music @ 12:30 pm Robotics @ 1:00 pm**
- **Wednesday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **Library @ 12:30 pm, Office Hours @ 2 pm - 3pm**
- **Thursday** – normal virtual day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance, **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Holiday Party @ 10:30 am - 11:30 am (Holiday Dress strongly encouraged),**
- **Friday** – Fourth Week of Advent - Love (prayer service led by 5<sup>th</sup> Grade), normal virtual day, Independent Work Day, specific assignments are listed on our Weekly-at-a-Glance

#### Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> – First day back to school (Virtually) after Christmas break*