



February 22nd, 2021

IB Attributes of the Month: OPEN-MINDED

Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!

"You must be bold, brave, and courageous and find a way... to get in the way." - John Lewis

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

In **Science** this week we will continue our new unit entitled "Water is essential to life and a limited resource for many people." This unit is an inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things. Our lessons will focus on the key concepts of *change*, and *responsibility* along with *conservation* and *distribution*.

In **Religion** this week we will focus our lessons on Lent and how we can center ourselves in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our Lenten virtue of the week is HOPE: Trusting in God's Loving Plan. We will also be learning about Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton this week. During our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Tuesday we will continue our Problem Solving unit. The students will review the Problem-Solving Steps together & will complete an in-class activity. Each student is also responsible for completing the **Second Step Homelink #17 with an adult family member by Monday, March 1st.**

In **Math**, this week *Mrs. Smith's* students continue working in Chapter 6 (Multiply and Divide Decimals). We will work on multiplication of decimals on Monday through Wednesday with a **Quiz over new learning on Thursday.** Students are frequently reminded to complete their weekly requirement of 5 topics in ALEKS. This counts for 5 points weekly in Math. *Ms. Bakamis'* class will continue our lessons in Chapter 6: Multiplying & Dividing Decimals. We will have a **Quiz on Wednesday.** 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 Chapter 6 are due Tuesday. Chapter 7 is very short, learning to solve 1-step equations. Students will take a **Quiz on chapter 7 this Thursday,** February 25th. As always, please remind your child to complete their ALEKS. **Students now have a way to earn extra credit in math!** At the start of each week, students receive an assignment record. This sheet of paper is used to grade the daily assignments and collected on Thursdays. If you, the parent, signs it on Wednesday evening, the student receives one point of extra credit for that week's homework. Over the course of the trimester, this has the ability to offset one missed ALEKS assignment. This sheet of paper has the added bonus of being a way for you to see how well your child is completing assignments.

This week in **Reading & Vocabulary**, Mrs. Feucht will continue coming into our classes and share some background information about the Revolutionary War. She will lead us through a virtual field trip to a museum, a book talk, and other exciting activities. Students will continue working on our February Digital Reading Logs. Each student should have 15 entries on their Digital Reading Log to receive full credit on this assignment. Our **February Digital Reading Logs are due Sunday, February 28th!** 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 have started their final personal narrative story. This week, as they write, they will be reminded to stretch out the most important part of their story--this is a skill they learned a few weeks ago. Students will use sequencing as they write to help their readers go through the actions in the story and have the same reactions as the writer. *The goal is to bring their readers with them into the story.* **Students will have spelling and grammar every week until the end of the year.** Spelling will continue to be online since we are still in hybrid mode and I teach both classes at the same time. In Grammar, students will begin most writing classes with 10 minutes of grammar practice in MobyMax to help meet their 30 minute requirement each week in class.

In **Social Studies** we will continue our simulation as we establish colonies in the New World and are faced with difficult decisions that colonists had to make. This unit is entitled "Different perspectives can cause conflict." We will be exploring the challenging relationships between the colonists, their home countries & governments, and the Native Americans.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – normal hybrid day, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom & handed out in class
- **Tuesday** – normal hybrid day, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom & handed out in class
- **Wednesday** – normal hybrid day, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom & handed out in class, **Virtual Lenten Mass @ 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm**
- **Thursday** – normal hybrid day, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom & handed out in class, **State of the School @ 6:30 pm**
- **Friday** – 5B Morning Check-in @ 8:45 am, Independent Work Day, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Monday - Wednesday, March 15th – 17th – Accreditation Virtual Visit*
- *Thursday, March 18th – Report Cards Go Home*
- *Thursday & Friday, March 18th and 19th – Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences “remotely”*