



February 8th, 2021

IB Attributes of the Month: OPEN-MINDED

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

*“If you have only one smile in you give it to the people you love.” - Maya Angelou*

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

**In Writing.** This week students begin the third and final section of the Personal Narrative unit. They have learned how to generate ideas for a personal narrative, use powerful revision techniques, and how to write an ending that leaves their readers with a message. This week, students will spend a few sessions working on collecting new entries and then selecting one to take through the writing process. They will apply what they learned in Section I and II to begin independently writing a new personal narrative.

**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 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.

**In Science** this week we will dive into 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, distribution.

**In Religion** this week we will continue learning about the sacraments focusing on the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Unit 4, Session 18, pgs. 105-110) as we prepare for Ash Wednesday (2/17) and Lent next week. This week during our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Tuesday we will learn about the importance of Avoiding Assumptions. Each student is responsible for completing the **Second Step Homelink #15 with an adult family member by Sunday, February 14th.**

In **Math**, this week **Mrs. Smith's** students will take a practice test over Chapter 5 on Monday and take the **Chapter 5 test on Tuesday**. Wednesday and Thursday, students start on Chapter 6, *Multiply and Divide Decimals*. Students should also complete their weekly requirement of 45 minutes or 5 topics in ALEKS by Sunday night, February 14. **Ms. Bakamis'** class will review our lessons in Chapter 5: Adding & Subtracting Decimals. We will have our **Chapter 5 Math Test on Wednesday, February 10th**. 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 we are finishing our unit on integers and expressions. Students will take the **Chapter 6 test on Thursday, February 11th**. Please remind your student to complete their ALEKS.

This week in **Reading & Vocabulary**, we will set reading goals for the rest of the trimesters and we will continue reading our assigned colonies. 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.**

### **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
- **Thursday** – normal hybrid day, Valentine's Day Celebration, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom & handed out in class
- **Friday** – 5B Morning Check-in @ 8:45 am, Independent Work Day, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom

### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- *Monday, February 15th – Presidents Holiday NO SCHOOL*
- *Tuesday, February 16th - 7th & 8th Grade Returns to In-person Learning!*
- *Wednesday, February 17th – ASH WEDNESDAY – Start of LENT*
- *Thursday, February 18th – Progress Reports*
- *Thursday, February 25th – State of the School*
- *March 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> – ACCREDITATION VISIT*