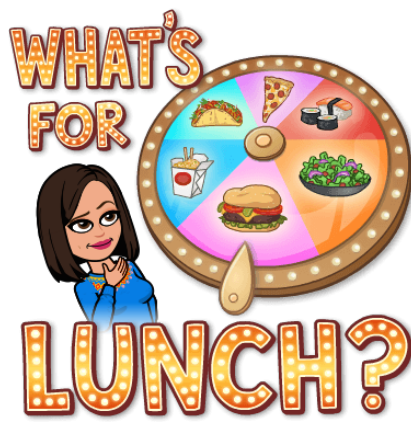


March 1st, 2021



IB Attributes of the Month: RISK-TAKER

Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!

"But we also believe in taking risks, because that's how you move things along." - Melinda Gates

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 our lessons on the sacrament of Holy Orders. Each day of the week we will have a variety of learning activities that will be posted on Google Classroom. During our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Tuesday we will continue our Problem Solving unit. The students will work on the Problem-Solving Step "Make a Plan" & will complete an in-class activity. Each student is also responsible for completing the **Second Step Homelink #18 with an adult family member by Monday, March 8th.**

In **Math**, this week **Mrs. Smith's** students continue working in Chapter 6 (Multiply and Divide Decimals). We will start on Lesson 6 (Multiply Decimals by Powers of Ten) on Monday and work through lessons 7, 8, 9 and 10 this week. These lessons prepare students for division of decimals next week. Students are frequently reminded to complete their weekly requirement of 5 topics in ALEKS. This counts for 5 points weekly in Math. **Ms. Bakamis's** class will continue our lessons in Chapter 6: Multiplying & Dividing Decimals. We will be working on multiplying decimals by powers of 10, recognizing patterns, multiplication properties, & estimating quotients, . 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 students took a test on solving one-step equations on Thursday. We will go over the test on Monday. Test corrections will be due the following Monday. Our next chapter has students tackling functions and inequalities. As always, there is ALEKS to be completed.

This week in **Reading & Vocabulary**, Mrs. Feucht will continue coming into our classes and share more background information about the Revolutionary War. She will continue leading 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 **March Digital Reading Logs are due Wednesday, March 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 have completed drafts of their final narrative story. This week students will be putting the final finishing touches on their revisions. **FINAL STORIES ARE DUE ON THURSDAY**. We will share stories on Thursday afternoon and next week as students celebrate all they have accomplished this trimester. **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.

In **Science** this week we will continue our 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*.

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, 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:

- **Wednesday, March 10th - 5th & 6th Grade Classes will attend our Lenten Mass @ 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm**
- *Friday, March 12th - No School (No morning Meeting)*
- *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”*