



March 15th, 2021

IB Attributes of the Month: RISK-TAKER

Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!

"Anything's possible if you've got enough nerve." - J. K. Rowling

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

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 March 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 continue taking AR Quizzes on the books they've read so far this trimester. **Our third trimester expectation is 15 AR points.**

In **Writing**, Students will begin a new writing unit next week. Since we have a short week, students will work on their Women's History Month reflections this week. **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 are required to complete 30 minutes each week in MobyMax (Language). Monday, students will have time in class to work on MobyMax.

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*. **Students will also need to continue working on**

their summative assessments that are due Monday, March 15th. They will be presenting these on Monday & Tuesday this week!

In **Religion** this week we will focus our lessons on the Lenten virtue/vice of the week is forgiveness & anger and we will be learning about Blessed Margaret of Castello. We will also be reflecting on our progress as we begin the 3rd Trimester. During our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Tuesday we will learn how to Deal with Gossip. We will complete an in-class activity and each student is also responsible for completing the **Second Step Homelink #20 with an adult family member by Monday, March 21st.**

In **Math**, this trimester students will be having Math classes taught by their homeroom teacher (with the exception of Mrs. Dimock's class (they will still be attending class on Zoom). **Ms. Bakamis's** class will begin the week with lesson 12: Dividing Decimals. Throughout the week we will review all the skills learned in Chapter 6. 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 **Mrs. Dimock's** class students will be finishing up chapter 8, learning how to write, graph, and solve inequalities. As always, there is ALEKS to be completed.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – normal hybrid day, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom & handed out in class, Accreditation Virtual Visit, **Science presentations**
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- **Wednesday** – normal hybrid day, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom & handed out in class
- **Thursday** – Student-led Spring Conferences, Please review the conference schedule
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Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Monday, March 22nd – Report Cards Go Home*
- *March 28th – April 2nd – HOLY WEEK*
- *April 1st – Stations of the Cross presented by 8th Grade*