



March 21st, 2021

IB Attributes of the Month: RISK-TAKER

Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!

"You must do the things you think you cannot do." - Eleanor Roosevelt

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

In **Writing**, students will begin a new writing unit on the research-based argument essay. This unit is part of our next IB unit, "How We Express Ourselves" which is an inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values. If you'd like to know more about this unit, please watch a video introduction for parents here: <http://otuos.pub/Y419-5>. There will be spelling and grammar this week. Students are making progress in Grammar on MobyMax. Many students have gone up an entire grade level since beginning grammar practice in November. I'd like all students to be at least at the fifth grade level by the end of the year. Please let me know if there are any questions regarding spelling, grammar or writing. My email address is rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org.

In **Social Studies** we wrap up 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 wrap up 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*.

In **Religion** this week we will focus our lessons on the Lenten virtue/vice of the week is obedience and we will be learning about St. Juan Diego. During our **Second Step** class on Tuesday we will begin our Bullying Prevention Unit with the first lessons which focus on evaluating how our class rules prevent bullying &

Recognizing, Refusing, & Reporting Bullying. We will complete an in-class activity and each student is also responsible for completing the **Second Step Bullying Home Links Introductory Lesson & #1 with an adult family member by Monday, March 28th.**

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 review lesson taught in Chapter 6. We will work on Chapter Reviews on Monday & Tuesday and will have our **Chapter 6 Test on Wednesday!** 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 take the **Ch. 8 Test on Tuesday, March 23rd.** The assessment will cover functions, equations, and inequalities. We will then begin our new unit, Geometry Keeps Us in Shape, starting Wednesday. As always, there is ALEKS to be completed.

This week in **Reading & Vocabulary**, we will begin our historical fiction book studies this week. Each student will be reading a book that is in the Lexile range. We will be completing comprehension questions along with nightly reading. 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.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – *Report Cards Go Home*, 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 Homeroom Check-in & Prayer @ 8:45 am**, Virtual Independent Work day, **5th Grade Music @ 11 am, 5th Grade Robotics @ 1 pm**, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *March 28th – April 2nd – HOLY WEEK*
- *April 1st – Stations of the Cross presented by 8th Grade*