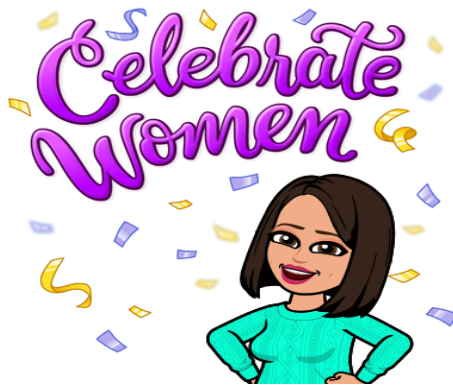




March 8th, 2021



IB Attributes of the Month: RISK-TAKER



Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!

"Determination, energy, and courage appear spontaneously when we care deeply about something.

We take risks that are unimaginable in any other context." - Margaret J. Wheatley

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

In **Math**, this week *Mrs. Smith's* students continue working in Chapter 6 (Multiply and Divide Decimals). Students will be starting on division of decimals in Lesson 9, Estimating Quotients. My math class will have a quiz over lessons 6 - 9 in Chapter 6. The quiz is "Check My Progress" on pgs. 435 - 436 in students' workbooks. 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 wrap up our lessons in Chapter 6: Multiplying & Dividing Decimals. We will begin the week with a **Quiz on Lessons 6 - 9** and then we will focus on dividing decimals for the remainder of the week. 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 test corrections for Chapter 7: 1-Step Equations are due Monday**. Students are currently learning to identify patterns and relationships and then represent these patterns in tables, graphs, and equations. 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 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. **The last day to take AR quizzes for the 2nd Trimester is on Friday, March 12th! Our second trimester expectation is 15 AR points.**

In **Writing**. Students turned in their final personal narrative stories last week. The grade sheet will be returned on Monday, March 8 and grades entered in PowerSchool. Students will have writing on Monday only this week. They will write a reflection on the personal narrative unit which will be done in class on Monday and included in the Trimester 2 final grade. Students' stories have been fun to read. They are stories of family vacations, adopting new pets, and challenging themselves to try new things. I've really enjoyed getting to know students through their stories 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 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.**

In **Religion** this week we will focus our lessons on Session 13: The Domestic Church. Each day of the week we will have a variety of learning activities that will be posted on Google Classroom. Our Lenten virtue of the week is fidelity & the saints that we will be learning about are Blesseds Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi. During our **Second Step & Self-Care** class on Tuesday we will continue our Problem Solving unit. The students will work on the Seeking Help. We will complete an in-class activity and each student is also responsible for completing the **Second Step Homelink #19 with an adult family member by Monday, March 15th.**

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, **5th & 6th Grade Lenten Mass @ 2:15 pm (in person) - Avila Maul is our reader!**, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom & handed out in class
- **Thursday** – normal hybrid day, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom & handed out in class (Ms. Bakamis & Mrs. Smith will be attending an IB Conference, substitute teachers will be teaching), **please make sure to turn in ALL missing/late work (this is the last day of the 2nd Trimester)**
- **Friday** – **NO MORNING ZOOM, NO SCHOOL, Staff Inservice**

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" (Link is in our Weekly Email)**