



March 29th, 2021



IB Attributes of the Month: RISK-TAKER & REFLECTIVE

Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!

"I didn't start out writing to give children hope, but I'm glad some of them found it." - Beverly Cleary

"Easter is very important to me, it's a second chance." - Reba McEntire

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

In **Social Studies** this week we will finish our simulation where we have explored how early colonists established colonies in the New World and were faced with difficult decisions that colonists had to make. We have been exploring the challenging relationships between the colonists, their home countries & governments, and the Native Americans. We will finish the final rounds of this simulation and reflect on our experiences throughout the activity.

In **Religion** this week we will focus our lessons on Holy Week. We will also be making Easter bunnies for our friends in the 4-year-old Preschool classes. These bunnies will be made from recycled fabric and will create little to no waste. On Thursday, we will experience the 8th Grade Reflections on the Stations of the Cross. On Good Friday, we will celebrate a Virtual Seder Meal as an entire 5th Grade class. During our **Second Step** class on we will continue our Bullying Prevention Unit with the next lesson which focuses on the Power of being a strong Bystander. We will complete an in-class lesson/discussion and each student is responsible for completing the **Second Step Bullying Home Link #2 with an adult family member by Monday, April 12th.**

In **Math**, this trimester students will continue to have 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 our lessons in Chapter 7: Expressions & Patterns. **Test corrections for Chapter 6 are due Monday, April 12th!** 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 started our new unit, Geometry Keeps Us in Shape. Students will be learning how to find the area of different polygons. **Test corrections for chapter 8 are due Wednesday, March 31st.** 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.**

In **Writing**. Students began a new unit on "The Research-Based Argument Essay" in writing last week. They were introduced to a hypothetical scenario in which St. Luke's was banning chocolate milk. Students read articles about the nutritional value of chocolate milk, white milk and other types of milk (almond, soy, etc.). They took notes on whether chocolate milk should be banned from schools based on their research. Then, students took a side, and wrote a thesis statement and a first draft of their argument. This week, students will revise their argument and learn to include quotations in their essays to support their claims. **There will be spelling and grammar this week. No spelling and grammar next week due to Easter break.** Please let me know if there are any questions regarding spelling, grammar or writing. Please email me at rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org.

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** – **Stations of the Cross**, normal hybrid day, specific assignments posted in Google Classroom & handed out in class
- **Friday** – **5th Grade Seder Meal**, Virtual Independent Work day

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Thursday, April 22nd – School Picture Day, Parents Club Meeting*
- *Friday, April 23rd – Mid-Trimester Reports*
- *Thursday, April 29th – Free Dress Thursday*
- *Monday, May 3rd – Friday, 21st – Spring MAP Testing Window*
- *Friday & Saturday, May 14th & 15th – AUCTION!!!*
- *Saturday, May 22nd – First Eucharist*