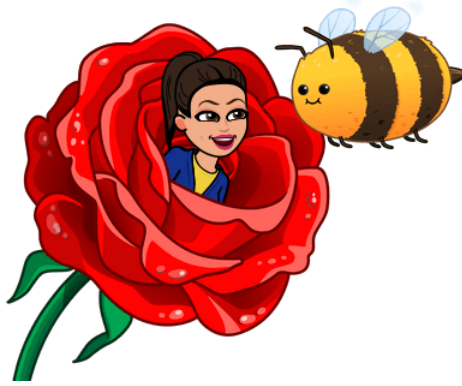
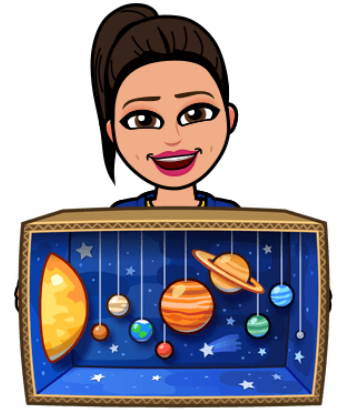


April 12th, 2021



IB Attributes of the Month: REFLECTIVE



Ignite Hope: One LIGHT, Many Candles!

“The real man smiles in trouble, gathers strength from distress, and grows brave by reflection.” - Thomas Paine

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

This week in **Science**, we will be learning about astronomy. This unit helps students develop a new perspective on the world they’re standing on. They will be given evidence that the Earth beneath our feet is actually moving through space, both spinning on its axis, and traveling in a great orbit around the Sun. They will see how these movements account for the patterns we see in our sky (the paths of our Sun across the sky, the changing seasons, and the changing constellations). Accompanying us on this journey are the Moon and planets, which the students will observe have their own patterns of movement in the sky. Throughout this investigation students will engage in actual and simulated observations of the sky, and they will engage in the process of inquiry: beginning with observations, debating a range of possible causes, and reasoning to possible conclusions.

In **Religion** this week we will focus our lessons on Mary and what God Calls Us to do. During our **Second Step** class 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 19th.**

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 continue our lessons in Chapter 7: Expressions & Patterns. 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. No ALEKS was assigned over break. ALEKS will resume after spring break.

This week in **Reading & Vocabulary**, we will continue reading our historical fiction books this week. Each student will be reading a book that is within their Lexile range. They will be completing comprehension questions along with nightly reading. Students will continue working on their April Digital Reading Logs. Each student should have 15 entries on their Digital Reading Log to receive full credit on this assignment. Our **April Digital Reading Logs are due Friday, April 30th!** 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** this week, students will participate in an inquiry into what makes a quote powerful during Monday's mini lesson. Then, students will revise their flashdraft, especially by adding powerful quotes from articles they were given about the pros and cons of chocolate milk in schools. They will continue to work on revision this week and analyze the evidence they have included. **There will be spelling and grammar this week.** Please let me know if there are any questions regarding spelling, grammar or writing. Please email me at rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org.

In **Social Studies** this week we will begin our new unit entitled "Liberties Come with Responsibilities". We will explore the key ideals of liberty and patriotism as outlined in the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and other fundamental documents. The students will evaluate the organization of the U.S. government, the function of the U.S. government, and how technology and ideas have affected the way people lived and changed their values, beliefs, and attitudes. They will explore the purpose of documents and the concepts used in them, evaluate how a public issue is related to constitutional rights and the common good, and engage others in discussions that attempt to clarify and address multiple viewpoints on public issues based on key ideals.

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**, 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*