



October 11th, 2021

IB Attributes of the Month: Caring & Balanced

Building a world of JOY!

“The foundation stones for a balanced success are honesty, character, integrity, faith, love and loyalty.”
- Zig Ziglar

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

In **Math** with Ms. Bakamis, we begin our Unit 4: Adding & Subtracting Decimals. In this unit the students will learn how to estimate decimal sums & differences, represent addition of decimals to the tenths & hundredths, use partial sums to add decimals, represent subtraction of decimal to the tenths & hundredths, use & explain strategies to add & subtract decimals. We plan on having our **Unit 4 Math Test on Monday, October 25th**. After each lesson, the students will work on a page of related questions. They will also have a page of questions to work on at home. This practice will help them make meaning of the new skills and transfer them to their own lives. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we will continue with the lessons in our current unit. If you have specific questions you can email him at gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org **In addition to daily classwork, each student will be expected to complete at LEAST 5 topics in ALEKS every week by Monday morning @ 8:00 am.**

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will continue working on our reading comprehension skills at our own levels and will continue completing AR tests (our 1st Trimester Goal is 15 points). We will be setting Reading Goals this week based on our Fall MAP Lexile Levels & will continue to read books & articles that are connected to our Science unit on ecosystems & the world around us. **As a nightly practice, our expectation is to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading.** Students will begin working on new Spelling lists at their own level. Our expectation is that they practice their words three different ways in their Spelling composition notebooks. **These will be collected on Thursday and we will have our Spelling Assessment on Thursday, October 13th!**

In **Writing** with Mrs. Smith, students have become familiar with the 5th Grade personal narrative rubric that will be used to assess their work. They wrote goals for their story on Friday. This week students will begin writing their personal narrative story. I'm looking forward to working with this class of writers as they develop and refine their work. Please email me at rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org if you have any questions.

In **Science** we will continue our unit on how organic matter cycles through our living world in systems of interdependent parts. Many of our lessons will focus on ecology and will help the students develop the idea that plants, animals, and fungi form a system of connected parts, with each part dependent on the other parts for its material nourishment. This will tie in nicely with our upcoming trip to Camp Seymour.

In **Religion** this week we will continue our unit that focuses on God, Our Creator, and Father. This week's lesson is on God's Revelation. Since October is the month of the Rosary, Mary we will be reflecting on how we can be more like her everyday. We will also be learning about the 10 Commandments and we will learn how we can apply these to our own lives. On Tuesday we'll also be participating in the Virtus Safety lesson on *Being a Safe Friend*. In our weekly **Second Step** lesson we will learn about Predicting Other People's Feelings. **Each student will be responsible for completing a Homelink connected to the lesson with an adult every week.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Morning prayer led by 8th Grade students, Music in the classroom
- **Tuesday** – Music in the classroom, **2:00 pm dismissal**
- **Wednesday** – Music in the classroom
- **Thursday** – **Spelling Practices Due & Assessment**, Music in the classroom, Library
- **Friday** – **No school for students, Teacher Inservice Day**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, October 18th** - FEAST OF ST. LUKE & St. Luke-A-Thon! Students and staff can wear running gear related to St. Luke. He is the Patron Saint of Artists and Physicians. He also is one of the authors of the gospels.
- **Thursday, October 21st** - Great Washington ShakeOut! Earthquake drill will happen at 10:21AM
- **Friday, October 22nd** - Mid tri-reports
- **Tuesday, October 26th - Friday, October 29th** - 5th Grade Attends Camp Seymour