



October 18th, 2021

IB Attributes of the Month: Caring & Balanced

Building a world of JOY!

*"Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed...all that is needed is the will to love."
- St. Teresa of Avila*

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

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we'll 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'll also 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 Friday and we will have our Spelling Assessment on Friday, October 22nd!**

In **Writing** with Mrs. Smith, last week students wrote a "flash draft" of their final personal narrative stories. This week, students will improve their personal narrative draft by drawing the "arc of the story." Students will be able to diagram the rising action, climax, & falling action of their stories. They'll also learn to vary the pace of their writing by slowing down & adding details to the important parts of the story. Students will also work on subordinating conjunctions in their interactive grammar notebooks on Friday. 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 to our upcoming trip to Camp Seymour.

In **Religion** this week we'll learn more about the Rosary. Our weekly **Second Step** lesson we will learn about Predicting Other People's Feelings. We will also begin our Bullying Prevention Unit this week. We will learn how to recognize, report, & refuse bullying. **Each student will be responsible for completing a Homelink connected to the lesson with an adult every week.**

In **Math** with Ms. Bakamis, we will continue Unit 4: Adding & Subtracting Decimals. In this unit the students will learn how to use partial sums to add decimals, represent subtraction of decimals to the tenths & hundredths, use & explain strategies to add & subtract decimals. After each lesson, the students will work on a page of related questions. They'll also have a page of questions to work on at home. This practice will help them make meaning of the new skills & transfer them to their own lives. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we'll continue to work with fractions, decimals, & percentages. We've done a lot of work with tax, tipping and estimating. Please share your experiences with dinner bills (tipping, splitting with friends, etc.). Dinner out is one time we all estimate and use percentages. We're working our way toward our next test at the end of next week. If you have specific questions you can email 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.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Morning prayer led by 8th Grade students, **Feast of St. Luke & St. Luke-A-Thon!**, Music in the classroom, **Mass @ 2 pm**
- **Tuesday** – Music in the classroom, **2:00 pm dismissal**
- **Wednesday** – Music in the classroom
- **Thursday** – **Great Washington ShakeOut! Earthquake drill will happen at 10:21am**, Music in the classroom, Library in the classroom
- **Friday** – **Mass for 2nd - 5th grade @ 8:50 am**, **Spelling Practices Due & Assessment**, Library & Robotics in the classroom, **Mid Trimester Reports (please check PowerSchool)**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, October 26th - Friday, October 29th - 5th Grade Attends Camp Seymour**
- **Monday, November 1st Feast of All Saints Day – All School Mass**
- **Tuesday, November 2nd - Picture retake day**