



November 1st, 2021

IB Attribute of the Month: Inquirers

Building a world of JOY!

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."
- Colin Powell

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

In **Science** we will reflect on our recent trip to Camp Seymour & we will finish up our final lessons of this incredible unit. In this unit we have learned that our entire world is a system of interconnected parts, with each part dependent on the other parts for its material nourishment. We have participated in lots of hands-on learning at Camp Seymour that directly connects to what we have learned about in the classroom.

In **Religion** this week we'll learn more about All Saints Day, All Souls Days, & Dia de Los Muertos as we prepare for Mass on Monday & Friday. Our weekly **Second Step** lesson is from our Bullying Prevention Unit. We will learn about Bystander Power. **Each student will be responsible for completing a Homelink connected to the lesson with an adult every week. These Homelinks should be done with an adult & need to be signed by that adult before they are turned in!**

In **Math** with Ms. Bakamnis, on Monday we will wrap up Unit 4: Adding & Subtracting Decimals. In this unit the students have learned how to use partial sums to add decimals, represent subtraction of decimals to the tenths & hundredths, use & explain strategies to add & subtract decimals. **We will have our Unit 4 Test on Wednesday or Thursday this week.** 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 will begin our next module this week, Computing with Multi-digit Numbers and Fractions. This is a quick unit but lays the foundation for our next unit on Integers and Rational numbers. If you have specific questions you can email

gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org **This week the students will continue their weekly ALEKS assignment of completing at LEAST 5 topics by Monday, November 8th @ 8am!**

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, 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've also read books & articles that are connected to our Science unit on ecosystems & the world around us. This week we will be learning academic vocabulary found in the books we've read and we'll create a cognitive content visual dictionary together to help us learn these new vocabulary words and practice using them in our everyday lives. **As a nightly practice, our expectation is to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading. There will be NO SPELLING this week since we have Mass twice (Monday & Friday)!**

In **Writing** with Mrs. Smith: Students will continue learning about revision strategies: 1) Adding scenes from the past and future; and 2) Ending stories. **Final drafts of personal narrative stories will be due on Friday, November 12.** Students will also finish their camp journals this week. There will be no grammar this week. Please email me at rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org if there are any questions or concerns.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Morning prayer led by 8th Grade students, Music in the classroom, **Feast of All Saints Day – All School Mass @ 9:30 am**
- **Tuesday** – Picture retake day, **2pm Dismissal**
- **Wednesday** – Music in the classroom
- **Thursday** – Fulcrum team videographer on campus (best uniform), Preschool – PYP Open House at 6:30PM
- **Friday** – **Mass for 2nd - 5th grade @ 8:50 am**, Library & Robotics in the classroom

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Sunday, November 7th - Daylight Savings Time begin**
- **Tuesday, November 9th - MYP Open House at 6:30PM**
- **Thursday, November 11th – NO SCHOOL, VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY**
- **Friday, November 12th - Progress Reports for those who are struggling in grades 5-8**
- **Monday – Wednesday, November 22nd-24th - Student-led CONFERENCES**
- **Thursday – November 25th – 28th - Thanksgiving Holiday**
- **Monday, November 29th – First Advent Prayer Service**