



September 20th, 2021

Building a world of JOY!

“Put your heart, mind, and soul into even your smallest acts. This is the secret of success.” - Swami Sivananda

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

In **Writing** with Mrs. Smith, students will work on punctuation rules in their interactive grammar notebook. The grammar notebook should be kept in the grammar section of your child’s filer. Students will also start generating ideas for a personal narrative this week. Writing/Grammar is four days a week, Monday through Thursday from 9:15 am - 10:10 am. Much of the writing will be done in class, however, there may be times when students need to complete writing at home. Please email me at rsmtih@stlukeshoreline.org if you have any questions. I look forward to reading your child’s work!

In **Science** we will begin our first 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 interdependent parts, with each part dependent on the other parts for its material nourishment.

In **Religion** this week we will share what brings us joy. We will continue to learn the Prayers & Practices of Our Faith. We will also begin our first unit that focuses on God, Our Creator, and Father. In this unit the students will learn about Saint Augustine, that God Creates Us, God Saves Us, God’s Revelation, how God Directs Our Lives, & Celebrating Ordinary Time. In our first **Second Step** lesson we will learn about Empathy & Respect. **Each student will be responsible for completing a Homelink connected to the lesson with an adult every week.**

In **Math**, we continue our first Math unit entitled “Math is...”. In this unit the students will learn that Math is working together, finding patterns, sharing ideas, listening thoughtfully to our classmates, & sticking with a

task even when it is a little challenging. In Reveal Math (our new Math resource), the students will develop the habits of mind that strong mathematicians have. They will begin to see that Math is all around us. **Ms. Bakamis's class will be having a test on Unit 1 on Friday, September 24th!** **In addition to daily work, 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. Students will begin working on Spelling lists at their own level this week. **Our Summer Book Reports are due on Thursday, September 30th.** The students can either turn in an electronic copy on Google Classroom OR a hand-written copy to me in class. **As a nightly practice, the students will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading.**

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** – Normal school day, Music in the classroom
- **Thursday** – **Picture Day**, Music in the classroom, Library, **Parent's Club Meeting via Zoom @ 6:30 pm**
- **Friday** – Normal school day, Music in the classroom, **Ms. Bakamis's Class Math Test**, Library, Design/Robotics

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, September 20th – Friday, October 8th** - MAP testing window
- **Monday, September 27th HOT LUNCH BEGINS!!!!**
- **Friday, October 15th** - No school for Teacher Inservice Day
- **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