



November 15th, 2021

IB Attribute of the Month: Inquirers

Building a world of JOY!

"A strong, positive self-image is the best possible preparation for success." - Joyce Brothers

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 will continue our lessons in Unit 5: Multiplying Whole Digit Numbers. In this unit students will learn how to use area models to multiply, use partial products to multiply, relate partial products to an algorithm, and how to multiply double-digit numbers. 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 finish our work with Computing with Multi-digit Numbers and Fractions. We will have our unit test on Wednesday this week. We will start our next unit by Friday with an introduction and in class project. 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 22nd @ 8am!**

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will start to create an interactive Reading Notebook to work specific skills of making connections, asking questions while we read, making predictions, writing summaries, making inferences, visualizing the story, identifying character traits, examining the setting, discovering the theme, exploring the point of view of the text. We'll also continue reading books at our own levels and will continue completing AR comprehension tests (our 1st Trimester Goal is 15 points). Students will also work on their **November Bookworm Book Report due November 30th! As a nightly practice, our expectation is to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading.** This week each student will have a list of words at their own level and will be expected to complete at LEAST 3 **different** practices in their Spelling composition notebooks by Friday, November 22nd. **Spelling practices & Spelling Tests will be turned in on Friday, November 22nd!**

In **Writing** with Mrs. Smith: Personal narrative stories will be returned to students tomorrow. This week students will reflect on their writing experiences this year and prepare for conferences. We are in between writing units for the next few weeks, so students will be working on the “nuts and bolts” of writing mechanics: perfecting the five-sentence *paragraph* (topic sentence, three details, closing sentence), and punctuation, capitalization, and grammar. After Christmas break, students will begin a unit on persuasive writing.

This week we will begin our first **Social Studies** unit which is a colonial simulation as we explore the Central Idea: ***Culture, trade, and geography played a part in the formation of the 13 colonies.*** The students will be working in colony groups to sail to the New World, establish colonies, and interact with each other and the Native Americans in their geographic area to grow and thrive. These learning activities involve cooperation, problem solving and decision making, building **connections** between diverse groups of people, exploring opportunities for **trade**, and reflecting on the **cost and benefits** of their decisions and interactions. Throughout the simulation, we’ll reflect on the many ways in which the lives of the early colonists **change** and how they, as settlers, bring changes that impact their new environment.

In **Religion** this week we’ll be learning about Ordinary Time & the 7 Sacraments. We’ll also continue to reflect upon our work so far this trimester and how we can grow closer to God. Our weekly **Second Step** lesson will wrap up our Bullying Prevention Unit. We will learn about Bystanders to Cyberbullying. ***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!***

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Morning prayer led by 8th Grade students, Music in the classroom
- **Tuesday** – Music in the classroom, **2pm Dismissal**
- **Wednesday** – Music in the classroom
- **Thursday** – Music & Library in the classroom
- **Friday** – 8:35 am Mass for 2nd grade - 5th grade), Library & Robotics in the classroom

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday – Wednesday, November 22nd-24th** - Student-led CONFERENCES
- **Thursday – November 25th – 28th** - **Thanksgiving Holiday**
- **Monday, November 29th** – First Advent Prayer Service