



November 8th, 2021

IB Attribute of the Month: Inquirers

Building a world of JOY!

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

In **Religion** this week we'll learn about Veterans and their commitment to serving our country & the Beatitudes. We will learn about our Community Service Hours for each trimester. Each student will be responsible for completing 5 - 10 service hours by December 2nd. As a class, we have already completed 3 hours of community service and will complete the rest of these hours together. Students are more than welcome to complete additional service hours with their families. Our weekly **Second Step** lesson is from our Bullying Prevention Unit. We will learn about Bystander Responsibility. **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. Bakannis, on Monday we will begin our lessons in Unit 5: Multiplying Whole Digit Numbers. In this unit students will learn how to understand powers and exponents and powers, patterns when multiplying by powers of 10, estimating products, using area models to multiply, using 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 continue our work with Computing with Multi-digit Numbers and Fractions. This is a quick unit but we have added a little practice and will likely wrap up with a test early next week. 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 15th @ 8am!

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will be learning about making connections while 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 we will continue our regular spelling lessons. Each student will have a list of 20 words at their own level and will be expected to complete at LEAST 3 **different** practices in their Spelling composition notebooks by Friday, November 12th. **Spelling practices & Spelling Tests will be turned in on Friday, November 12th!**

In **Writing** with Mrs. Smith: Students will finish the **final drafts of personal narrative stories. Stories are due on Friday, November 12.** In grammar this week, students will edit their stories. Please email me at rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org if there are any questions or concerns.

In **Science** we will finish up our final lesson 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.

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** – **NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day Holiday**
- **Friday** – Present Tinkercad Biosphere Presentation, Library & Robotics in the classroom, Progress Reports

Upcoming Important Dates:

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