



December 13th, 2021

IB Attribute of the Month: Knowledgeable

Building a world of JOY!

"Let us tenderly and kindly cherish, therefore, the means of knowledge. Let us dare to read, think, speak, and write." - John Adams

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

This week we will continue our **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 the third and fourth weeks of Advent. We'll reflect on joy & love as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. As Christmas approaches, we will also continue to keep track of our Random Acts of Kindness. Each student should have at LEAST 17 acts listed before we leave for the holidays. This will help us meet our 2nd Trimester expectation of **10 service hours (due February 25th)**. During our weekly **Second Step** lesson we will learn about *Disagreeing Respectfully*. **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. Bakamis, we will continue our lessons in Unit 6: Multiplying Decimals. In this unit students will learn how to identify patterns when multiplying decimals by powers of 10, to estimate products of decimals, how to represent multiplication involving decimals, how to use area models to multiply decimals, how to make generalizations about multiplying decimals, and how to explain different strategies when multiplying 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 will have a mid chapter quiz on integers. We broke this unit up so we didn't cover too much material before the break. **The quiz is on Monday 12/13/21.** We will review briefly when we return from break and then press on to the Coordinate Plane in the new year. 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, January 3rd @ 8am!**

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamias, we will continue to review making predictions, making inferences, visualizing the story, examining the setting, discovering the theme, exploring the point of view of the text throughout the books we're reading. We'll also continue reading books at our own levels and will continue completing AR comprehension tests (our 2nd Trimester Goal is 15 points). Students will also work on their **December Bookworm Book Report due January 3rd! As a nightly practice, our expectation is to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading.** This week there will be NO SPELLING!

In **Writing** with Mrs. Smith, sStudents are finalizing their narrative stories based on the Chris Van Allsburg book, *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick*. They are publishing their work in [Book Creator](#). **The project is due on Thursday, 12/16.** If there are any questions, please email rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Third week of Advent (JOY), Morning prayer led by 6th Grade students on Zoom, Spanish in the Auditorium
- **Tuesday** – Vaccination clinic for second dose – in gym at 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Spanish in the Auditorium, **2pm Dismissal**
- **Wednesday** – Spanish in the Auditorium, Christmas Pageant (at 2:00 PM)
- **Thursday** – Spanish in the Auditorium
- **Friday** – Fourth Week of Advent (LOVE), Staff caroling before school, Christmas caroling competition by grade bands in gym, **11:30 K - 2 Dismissal, 11:45 am 3 - 8 Dismissal**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, December 28th** – Portable Arrives!
- **Monday, January 3rd** – School resumes! Welcome 2022!, Launch of the 5th Grade Exhibition PYP Project
- **Monday, January 17th** – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No School)
- **Tuesday, January 18th** – MAP Testing window opens
- **Friday, January 28th** – Mid-tri Reports & Free Dress Friday
- **Sunday, January 30th** – Catholic Schools Week Begins