



January 3rd, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month: Principled

Building a world of JOY!

*"The strongest principle of growth lies in human choice."*

*- George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans)*

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 reflect upon all of our Random Acts of Kindness that we completed during the Holidays. Each student should have at LEAST 17 acts listed in their Religion Reflections Notebook. 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 wrap up our lessons in Unit 6: Multiplying Decimals and will have our Test later in the week. 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 review integers briefly then we begin our work with the Coordinate Plane. This is an important unit as the Coordinate Plane will be used frequently in all higher level math going forward! If you have specific questions you can email [gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto:gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org). **This week the students will continue their weekly ALEKS assignment of completing at LEAST 5 topics by Monday, January 10th @ 8 am!**

In **Reading & Spelling with Ms. Bakamis**, we will begin learning about water issues facing our world and we'll continue reading books at our own levels and will continue completing AR comprehension tests (our 2nd Trimester Goal is 15 points). **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, January 7th. **Spelling practices & Spelling Tests will be turned in on Friday, January 7th at the beginning of class!**

In **Writing** with Mrs. Smith: **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** On Monday, students will be introduced to MobyMax ELA for grammar practice. Students will be expected to **complete weekly grammar assignments in MobyMax which are due Friday morning**. This week, we also kick off a new writing unit entitled, *The Lens of History*. This is a research unit on exploring new frontiers—as writers and as settlers. In this unit, students will write as historians do—writing about Westward Expansion. This writing unit is part of *Where we are in place and time*, tied to our current Social Studies unit on early American history. If there are any questions, please email [rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto:rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org).

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 **Science** this week we will dive into our new unit entitled "Water is essential to life and a limited resource for many people." This unit is an inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things. Our lessons will focus on the key concepts of change, and responsibility along with conservation, distribution.

### Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – School resumes, **5th Grade Exhibition begins!**, **visit from Sister Prouille @ 9:30 am**, Spanish in the Auditorium
- **Tuesday** – Spanish in the Auditorium, **2pm Dismissal**
- **Wednesday** – Spanish in the Auditorium
- **Thursday** – Library in the classroom, Spanish in the Auditorium
- **Friday** – **Friday Mass (2nd grade - 5th grade @ 8:35 am)**, Robotics & PE (**don't forget to bring your PE shoes**)

### Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>** – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No School)
- **Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** – MAP Testing window opens
- **Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** – Mid-tri Reports & Free Dress Friday
- **Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** – Catholic Schools Week Begins