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IB Attribute of the Month: Principled

Building a world of JOY!

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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 review our lessons in Unit 6: Multiplying Decimals and will have our **Unit 6 Test on Wednesday, January 12th**. In this unit students have learned 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. In **Math with Mr. Carson**, we will review our work with the Coordinate Plane and our previous work on integers. This week we will review and test **Module 4. The test will be Thursday!** 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 17th @ 8 am!**

In **Reading & Spelling with Ms. Bakamis**, we will continue working on our Foundational Reading Skills of summarizing & main ideas on MobyMax 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 continue working on learning words that will be covered in the Spelling Bee on Wednesday, January 12th. **Each student is responsible for completing 1 practice each day this week**

In **Writing & Grammar with Mrs. Smith**, students will be reviewing prepositions and prepositional phrases this week. Students will practice in MobyMax this week and take a test on Friday. This will be our usual routine going forward: Grammar topic introduced on Monday, practice in MobyMax during the week, and a test on Friday. In **writing**, starting on Tuesday, students will be researching and redrafting their Westward Expansion information writing "flash draft." There are multiple strategies students will be exploring this week, including note-taking using bullets and boxes, and revising by growing ideas, looking for patterns,

and asking questions. Assignments will be posted on Google Classroom > 5B Writing/Grammar. If there are any questions, please email 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. These assignments will also be posted on our 5B Google Classroom.

In **Religion** this week we will begin Session 6 entitled "New Life in Jesus" we will learn about St. Andre Bessett, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, & Saint John XXIII. We'll also learn about the Apostle's Creed as we read it together as a class. We will also begin to work on preparing for the ACRE test in the Spring. Preparation materials will be posted on our 5B Google Classroom. We will continue to work on finding ways to 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!**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – School resumes, 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** – Robotics & PE (**don't forget to bring your PE shoes**)

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, January 17th** – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No School)
- **Monday, January 24th - Wednesday, January 26th** – MAP Testing @ 8:30 am (please make sure to have a strong breakfast)
- **Friday, January 28th** – Mid-Trimester Reports & Free Dress Friday
- **Thursday, January 27th** – Parents Club Meeting
- **Sunday, January 30th** – Catholic Schools Week Begins