

**CELEBRATE
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**BUILDING A
WORLD OF JOY**



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*“History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage,
need not be lived again.” - Maya Angelou*

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

In **Writing & Grammar** with Mrs. Smith, students will be looking at drafts asking questions about their topic and wrapping up the loose ends of their research. Students will also be writing in a formal tone avoiding contractions, expert language and “fancy” transitions (e.g., *therefore, additionally, in other words, and on the other hand*). There will be **NO Grammar this week** due to MAP testing Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. 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 continue 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 8 entitled “Growing in Spirit” we will learn about the sacrament of Confirmation. Towards the end of the week we will reflect upon how we are called to work of justice & peace in the world around us. 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 for the students to review and study. 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 Responding with Compassion. **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 begin Unit 7 - Divide Whole Numbers. In this unit, students will learn how to recognize patterns with multi-digit numbers, estimate quotients, represent the division of 2-digit divisors, use partial quotients to divide, & solve problems using division. 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 finish our unit on Numerical and Algebraic expressions. We will begin reviewing the material on Friday and our test will be the following 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, January 31st @ 8 am!**

In **Reading & Spelling with Ms. Bakamis**, we will continue learning about notable African-Americans and working on an in-class project to honor them and their accomplishments. We'll also 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. There will be NO Spelling this week due to MAP Testing.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – **MAP Testing @ 8:30 am (please make sure to have a strong breakfast)**, Spanish in the Auditorium
- Tuesday – **MAP Testing @ 8:30 am (please make sure to have a strong breakfast)**, Spanish in the Auditorium, & **2pm Dismissal**
- Wednesday – **MAP Testing @ 8:30 am (please make sure to have a strong breakfast)**, Spanish in the Auditorium
- Thursday – Library in the classroom, Spanish in the Auditorium, Parents Club Meeting
- Friday – Free Dress Friday, Robotics & PE (**don't forget to bring your PE shoes**), **Mid-Trimester Report (please check PowerSchool & sign your student's Report Card Envelope)**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Sunday, January 30th – Catholic Schools Week Begins!**
- **Monday, January 31st – Celebrate our Parents**
- **Tuesday, February 1st – Celebrate Teachers**
- **Wednesday, February 2nd – Celebrate our Grandparents & Faith-based Community**
- **Thursday, February 3rd – Celebrate our Alumni and Donors – St. Luke Fan Club**
- **Friday, February 4th – Celebrate our Students**
- **Thursday, February 10th – Final Spelling Bee (finalists only)**
- **Friday, February 11th – No School for Students**