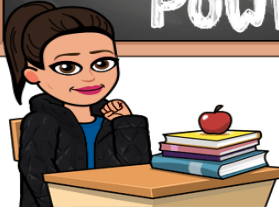


PRINCIPLED



Knowledge is
POWER



**OPEN
MIND**



January 31st, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month(s): Principled & Open-Minded

Building a world of JOY!

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela

Happy Catholic Schools Week!!! 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 **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 be going to focus on celebrating our catholic school community with in-class activities. 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 Managing our emotions. **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 unit Divide Whole Numbers. 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 have begun our review of our unit on Numerical and Algebraic expressions. We will have our test on Wednesday this 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, February 7th @ 8 am!**

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we finish reading about our learning about notable African-Americans and complete our 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). We will resume our weekly Spelling Practices at our own level. **Each student is expected to practice their list of words at least 3 times in their Spelling Notebook which is due on Friday PRIOR to their Spelling Test.**

In **Writing & Grammar** with Mrs. Smith: In grammar, students will be learning about perfect verb tenses. They will complete a grammar activity in their grammar interactive notebook, complete grammar assignments in MobyMax (due Friday), and take a grammar quiz on perfect verb tenses on Friday. **All assignment information for grammar is in Google Classroom > 5B Writing/Grammar.** In Writing, students will see and hear examples of powerful information writing. They will write a mission statement for their writing and research. Students will practice using primary sources to ask questions, observe, and categorize information. By the end of the week, students will have organized their notes and ideas, and begun structuring their writing to let "their information and ideas grow." If there are any questions, please email rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org.

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – **Crazy Hat Day, Parent Appreciation Day**, Spanish
- Tuesday – **Catholic Schools Gear, Teacher & Staff Appreciation Day**, Spanish, & **2 pm Dismissal**
- Wednesday – **Best Uniform, Faith-based Community Appreciation Day, Mass @ 9:30 am**, Spanish
- Thursday – **Crazy Hair Day, St. Luke Fan Club Appreciation Day**, Library, Spanish
- Friday – **Student Appreciation Day, Free Dress**, Robotics & PE (don't forget to bring your PE shoes)

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Thursday, February 10th** – Final Spelling Bee (finalists only)
- **Friday, February 11th** – No School for Students (Inservice for Staff)
- **Monday, February 21st** – Presidents' Day Holiday (No School)
- **Friday, February 25th** – Progress Reports & Free Dress Friday