



February 14th, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month: Open-Minded

Building a world of JOY!

*"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." - Mother Teresa*

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

In **Religion** this week we will be focusing on Session 11: The Church is One. We will also begin to work on preparing for the ACRE test in April. Preparation materials have been 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 Anxiety*. **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. Bakamnis, we will wrap up our unit Divide Whole Numbers. Students have learned 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. Our Math Test will be later in the week (either Thursday or Friday). In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we continue our unit on equations and inequalities. We will wrap up the unit late next week and begin our review. Our unit test will be early the following week. 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, February 21st @ 8 am!**

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamnis, we will begin **A Long Walk to Water** highlighting the scarcity of water in different parts of the world. We will read together and answer comprehension questions related to the text. 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 PRIOR to their Spelling Test.**

In **Writing & Grammar** with Mrs. Smith, there is *no grammar this week*. In Writing, students should have four body paragraphs drafted by Monday, 02/14 for their informative essay. During class on Monday, students will write introductory and concluding paragraphs. They will spend all week revising and editing their final copy in class. **The completed writing assignment is due Friday, February 18 and will be published in Book Creator.** 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 finish our activities in our 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*. The students will continue to work in their **Exhibition** groups with their mentors researching their topics, finding ways to improve our world, and planning ways to put their ideas into action. **Our Exhibition will conclude on March 22nd, 2022 World Water Day!**

#### Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – Spanish, **Valentine's Day Class Party**
- Tuesday – **Class Pictures**, Spanish, & **2 pm Dismissal**
- Wednesday – Spanish
- Thursday – Library, & Spanish, Math Test for Ms. Bakamis's class
- Friday – **Spelling Test**, P.E., Design

#### Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Presidents' Day Holiday (No School)**
- **Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports & Free Dress Friday**