



OPEN MINDED



February 22nd, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month: Open-Minded

Building a world of JOY!

“If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.” - Booker T. Washington

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 will begin our unit focussed on Dividing by Two-Digit Numbers. 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 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. ***This week the students will continue their weekly ALEKS assignment of completing at LEAST 5 topics by Monday, February 28th @ 8 am!***

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, 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 6 times in their Spelling Notebook which is due PRIOR to their Spelling Test on Friday, March 4th.***

In **Writing & Grammar** with Mrs. Smith students will learn about commas used in introductory elements. Students will be assigned a practice lesson in MobyMax (due Friday), and will take a quiz over using commas after introductory elements on Friday. In Writing, students will be given one more day (Tuesday) to work on their Book Creator project. ***After Tuesday, the project becomes homework; after Friday, the assignment will be considered late and a 10% reduction in points will be added for each day the assignment is not done.*** On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, students will start a new information essay related to their Exhibition topic. 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 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!**

In **Religion** this week we will be focusing on preparing for Lent and for the ACRE test later in April. Preparation materials have been posted on our 5B Google Classroom for the students to review and study. We will write down all the types of community service that we've done to meet our 2nd Trimester expectation of **10 service hours (due February 25th)**. During our weekly **Second Step** lesson, we will learn about *Managing Frustration*. **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** – President's Day Holiday (No School)
- **Tuesday** – Twosday (Spirit Day, please dress in anything that comes in a pair), Spanish, & **2 pm Dismissal**
- **Wednesday** – Spanish
- **Thursday** – Library, & Spanish, Math Test for Ms. Bakamis's class
- **Friday** – Free Dress Friday, Mass for 2nd - 5th grade, P.E., Design, & Progress Reports

Upcoming Important Dates:

Tuesday, March 1st - Fat Tuesday & start of the 2nd Trimester Food Drive

Wednesday, March 2nd – Ash Wednesday (distribution of Ashes and prayer service for school)

Thursday, March 3rd – State of the School via ZOOM @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Monday, March 7th – 1st Lenten Prayer Service

Friday, March 11th - No School for Students & Staff!!

Monday, March 14th – 2nd Lenten Prayer Service

Thursday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day and MYP musical GODSPELL JR.

Friday, March 18th - Free Dress Friday, End of 2nd Trimester, & MYP musical Godspell Jr.

Saturday, March 19th - MYP musical Godspell Jr.

Monday, March 21st – Beginning of Third Trimester and 3rd Lenten Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 22nd – 5th Grade 1st PYP Exhibition Presentations! & World Water Day

March 24th & 25th - Spring Student-led Conferences

March 28th - Report Cards sent home and 4th Lenten Prayer Service