



March 14th, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month: Risk-Takers

Building a world of JOY!

“In my own life I know that my state of cheerfulness is a reliable gauge of my level of spiritual enlightenment at that moment. The more cheerful, happy, contented, and satisfied I am feeling, the more aware I am of my deep connection to Spirit.” - Wayne Dyer

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

In **Writing with Mrs. Smith**: Last week students wrote an introduction and conclusion for their information papers. This week, students will work on speaking and listening skills as they prepare their presentations for Exhibition. They will practice summarizing their research orally by sequencing ideas logically and using appropriate facts and descriptive details. Students will practice speaking clearly at an understandable pace. Their presentations will include multimedia components (e.g., graphics, sound) and visual displays to enhance the development of their main ideas. **The completed FINAL COPY of the Exhibition Paper is due on Friday, March 18. Exhibition is March 22 – World Water Day.** 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 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 continue focusing on our Lenten journey by learning about the virtue of Humility and Padre Pio. We’ll also continue preparing for the ACRE test later in April. Preparation materials

have been posted on our 5B Google Classroom for the students to review and study. During our weekly **Second Step** lesson, we will learn about *Avoiding Assumptions*. **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 our lessons on Dividing 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 have a **test on multi-variable relationships Monday 3/14/22**. We have learned how to generate graphs and equations from tables. We also can use graphs or tables to generate equations. 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, March 21st @ 8 am!**

In **Reading & Spelling with Ms. Bakamis**, we will continue reading and reflecting on **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). This week, we will continue 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 on Thursday, March 17th.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – 3rd **Lenten Prayer Service**, Spanish
- Tuesday – Spanish, **2 pm Dismissal**
- Wednesday – Spanish
- Thursday – Library, Spanish, **Spelling Test**, **St. Patrick's Day (students may wear green)** and MYP musical Godspell Jr.
- Friday – Lenten Mass, Best uniform, Exhibition Presentations Rehearsal, **End of 2nd Trimester**, & MYP musical Godspell Jr.

Upcoming Important Dates:

Saturday, March 19th - MYP musical Godspell Jr.

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

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

Wednesday, March 23rd - State of the School @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm (see Thursday Packet for ZOOM Link)

Thursday & Friday, March 24th & 25th - Spring Student-led Conferences (Link in Weekly Email)

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