



March 21st, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month: Risk-Takers

Building a world of JOY!

*"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!'" - Audrey Hepburn*

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 **Religion** this week we will continue focusing on our Lenten journey by learning about the virtue of Temperance and St. Camillus de Lellis. 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 *Solving Problems*. **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. Bakamits, we will continue 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 are now working on the area of polygons. We started the unit after the test last week and will complete it in the next two weeks. 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, March 28th @ 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 3rd Trimester Goal is 15 points). Due to Student-led conferences we will NOT have Spelling this week.

In **Writing** *with Mrs. Smith*: Students did an outstanding job on their Exhibition presentations on Friday! On Monday, Mrs. Roach is filming each presentation which will be uploaded to the school website. We are all really proud of what the fifth graders have accomplished in this learning experience. This week, students will reflect on their Exhibition experience and information writing. They will set goals for the third trimester and get ready for conferences next Thursday and Friday. If there are any questions, please email [rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto:rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org).

### Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – **4th Lenten Prayer Service**, P.E., MYP Godspell performance for 3rd - 8th grade
- Tuesday – P.E., **World Water Day, 2 pm Dismissal**
- Wednesday – Work time for Auction Project, P.E., Class Auction, **State of the School @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**  
**(see Thursday Packet for ZOOM Link)**
- Thursday – Student-led Conferences on Zoom (link provided via email)
- Friday – Student-led Conferences on Zoom (link provided via email)

### Upcoming Important Dates:

March 28<sup>th</sup> - Report Cards sent home and **Lenten Prayer Service**