



LENT



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March



March 7th, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month: Risk-Takers

Building a world of JOY!

"You only do good work when you're taking risks and pushing yourself."

- Sally Hawkins

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

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamnis, 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 10th.***

In **Grammar** with Mrs. Smith, students are learning about: 1) using commas to set off words, *yes* and *no* (e.g., *Yes, thank you.*), 2) to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., *It's true, isn't it?*), and 3) to indicate direct address (e.g., *Is that you, Steve?*). Students will also learn about: 4) using underlining, quotation marks, or italics to indicate titles of works. Students will be assigned practice lessons in MobyMax (due Friday, 3/18), and will take a quiz after completing the practice assignments on 3/18. The assignment is posted in Google Classroom > 5B Writing/Grammar. In **Writing**, I have met with most students individually to go over their four body paragraphs. This week students are revising and adding an introduction and conclusion to their Exhibition paper. ***The completed rough draft is due on Thursday, March 10. Final (revised and edited) papers are due the following 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 Hope and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. 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 **Handling Put-Downs. 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 review all of the strategies that we learned in our unit Dividing by Two-Digit Divisors. **Our Test will be on Thursday, March 10th, 2022.** 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 review our current unit on multi-variable relationships. 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 14th @ 8 am!**

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – Spanish, **Lenten Food Drive continues**
- Tuesday – Spanish, **Lenten Food Drive continues, & 2 pm Dismissal**
- Wednesday – Spanish, **Spanish Cooking Activity & Lenten Food Drive continues**
- Thursday – **Spelling Test**, Library, Spanish, **Math Test for Ms. Bakamis's Class**, Lenten Food Drive continues
- Friday – **No School for Students & Staff!!**

Upcoming Important Dates:

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