



April 25th, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month: Reflective

Building a world of JOY!

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.” - Helen Keller

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

In **Grammar with Mrs. Smith**, students will learn the difference between formal writing which is used for business, legal, academic or professional purpose and informal writing which is used for personal or casual purpose. Formal writing must use a professional tone, whereas a personal and emotional tone can be found in informal writing. Students have been assigned practice lessons and a **Quiz on Formal vs. Informal language in MobyMax, due on Friday, April 29.** The grammar assignment is posted in Google Classroom: 5B Writing/Grammar. In **Writing**, students continue to work on their formal letter to Mr. Boyle on the question of whether chocolate milk should be served in school or not. This week, they will continue revising their argument by balancing evidence (research) with their own thinking. Students will also work on introductions and conclusions. Thursday is the last day of writing/grammar due to a field trip on Friday. All writing assignments are posted in Google Classroom: 5B Writing/Grammar - Research Based Argument Essay. Please email me at rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org if there are any questions.

This week we will continue our **Social Studies** unit: *“Liberties come with Responsibilities.”* The students will be working in our new tavern groups in our new simulation of the American Revolution. They will continue to work on their problem-solving skills in collaborative groups of their peers.

In **Religion** this week we will learn about the Domestic Church (Lesson 11). In this chapter we will learn more about the sacrament of matrimony. We'll also continue preparing for the ACRE at the end of this month. Preparation materials have been posted on our 5B Google Classroom for the students to review and study. We will take the **ACRE test on Wednesday afternoon.** During our weekly **Second Step** lesson, we will learn about **Seeking Help. 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!**

This week in **Science** we will continue our unit entitled "Spaceship Earth." In this unit, our students explore the Earth, Sun, Moon, and stars using observations of shadows and changing patterns in the sky. Students also explore the planets of our Solar System and begin to consider what might lie beyond. This week will be visiting the planetarium at the University of Washington.

In **Math** with Ms. Bakamis, we will begin our lessons on Adding & Subtracting Fractions. Each student will have time to practice the skill in class and then will have a worksheet to practice the skills learned at home on a nightly basis. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, **we will have an extra practice worksheet due after the break. This will keep students fresh on our current unit.** We will likely have a review and test toward the end of the week we return from break. 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 each week by Monday, May 2nd!**

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will begin our historical fiction novels this week. We will focus on our comprehension skills in these books as well as our independent reading books. For our **April Book Reports (due Friday, 4/29/22)**, students will need to read books within their own Lexile Levels and will need to complete an AR comprehension quiz on this book (our 3rd Trimester Goal is 15 points). We will resume Spelling this week! **Each student is expected to complete their 4 weekly Spelling jobs in their Spelling notebook prior to their Spelling test on Monday, May 2nd due to our Science Field Trip on Friday, April 29th.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – P.E., **Teaching Safety Lesson**
- Tuesday – **4th Grade Marketplace**, P.E., **Battle of the Books (1 pm - 2 pm)**, **2 pm Dismissal**
- Wednesday – P.E., **5B ACRE Test**
- Thursday – Library, P.E. **(Free Dress for 5th Grade ONLY)**
- Friday – **UW for science field trip (uniforms)**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, May 2nd - Spelling Test**
- **Friday, May 6th – Marian Mass followed by Mary Crowning & Mid-Tri reports**
- **Sunday, May 8th – Mother's Day**
- **Wednesday - Saturday, May 11th – 14th – Silent Online Auction**
- **Saturday, May 14th – Grecian Gala AUCTION**
- **Monday, May 16th – MAP testing window opens**
- **Friday, May 20th – 5B in the Garden, Fulcrum Celebration of Light**
- **Friday, May 27th – Fundraising DAY OFF!**
- **Monday, May 30th – No School for Memorial Day**