



May 16th, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month: Thinker

Building a world of JOY!

“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.” - Arthur Ashe

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

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.

In **Math** with Ms. Bakamits, we will continue our lessons on Adding & Subtracting Fractions. We might finish the chapter this week. We will have a our **Unit 9 Test on Wednesday**. 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 continue our unit on Statistics. We have discussed measures of center and multiple ways of representing data. Once we complete this unit we will spend the rest of the year covering pre-algebra basics. 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 23rd!**

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamits, we will continue our historical fiction novels this week. We will focus on our comprehension skills in these books as well as our independent reading books. 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). **After our Spelling test on Monday (May 16th), we will have new Spelling lists this week (on Tuesday or Wednesday), but the test on these new words will be on Monday, May 23rd!**

In **Grammar** this week, students will learn about idioms or expressions that don't literally mean what the words say; e.g., "Let sleeping dogs lie," "A slap on the wrist." Students will be assigned practice exercises in Moby Max and a quiz which is due on Friday. In **Writing**, students' final letters to Mr. Boyle will be graded and returned in Google Classroom by tomorrow (Monday). **The debate was last Tuesday and students did an EXCELLENT job debating the issue. Mr. Boyle agreed.** On Wednesday last week, students started a new persuasive essay on one of three topics: 1) Space exploration should be stopped; 2) Zoos should be illegal; and 3) Bottled water should be illegal to buy or sell. Students have been assigned a debate group and topic and have begun researching their issue. This week students should have a notetaking system established and ready to show (for a grade) on Tuesday. On Wednesday, students will write a thesis statement and begin writing the first body paragraph of their persuasive essay. **Fifth grade will debate these new topics the week of June 6.** 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.

In **Social Studies** this week we will continue our unit: "*Liberties come with Responsibilities.*" The students will still be working in their tavern groups in our 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 continue learning about the New Passover (Lesson 16). During our weekly **Second Step** lesson, we will learn about *Dealing with Peer Pressure*. **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 – P.E., **Spelling Test, Library (Read-Aloud)**
- Tuesday – P.E., **2 pm Dismissal**
- Wednesday – P.E., **Unit 9 Math Test (Bakamis class ONLY)**
- Thursday – Library, P.E.
- Friday – Music, & Design, **5B in the Garden, MYP Play**, Fulcrum Celebration of Light

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Friday, May 27th – Fundraising DAY OFF!**
- **Monday, May 30th – No School for Memorial Day**