



May 31st, 2022

IB Attribute(s) of the Month(s): Thinker & Communicator

Building a world of JOY!

“We're communicators, we're problem solvers, and we're lateral thinkers, and there's nothing that can't be improved with that. The world needs us, and we want to be needed.” - David Droga

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

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakannis, 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. **Each student should complete their Revolutionary War books by June 6th along with taking the corresponding AR test and a End of Book Reflection (posted in Google Classroom).** 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 Wednesday (June 1st), we will NOT have new Spelling lists this week!**

In **Writing & Grammar** with Mrs. Smith, this week students will learn about “Signal Words” for cause and effect, and compare and contrast. **Students have been assigned practice lessons on these topics in Moby Max and a quiz which is due on Friday, June 3.** In **Writing** this week, students are working on acknowledging counterclaims and writing rebuttals. Students will learn about common flaws in reasoning to write strong arguments. They'll also work on writing an introduction and conclusion for their paper. **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 *Beatitudes*. During our weekly **Second Step** lesson, we will be reviewing our Second Step Skills this week. **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 begin our unit entitled "Chemical Magic." In this unit, students investigate the properties of matter by dissolving everyday chemicals to make solutions and by exploring simple yet surprising chemical reactions. Through these investigations, students begin to build conceptual models for the particulate nature of matter.

In **Math** with Ms. Bakamits, we will continue our lessons on Multiplying & Dividing 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 begin "Extra Mr Carson Learning" as we have finished the 6th grade curriculum. We will dive into Pre-Algebra fundamentals and start preparing for Math next year (and beyond). 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 30th & Monday, June 6th (this is the LAST time that ALEKS will be counted for 5th grade)!**

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – **No School in honor of Memorial Day**
- Tuesday – P.E., Make-Up MAP Test, **2 pm Dismissal**
- Wednesday – P.E., Make-up MAP Test, **Spelling Test**
- Thursday – Library & P.E.
- Friday – Music & Design

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Sunday, June 5th – Pentecost Celebration**
- **Monday, June 6th – Last Food Drive of the year Begins**
- **Thursday, June 9th – 8th Grade Community Service Projects presentation for 5th - 8th grade,**
- **Staff vs. 8th Grade Student Kickball game on the upper field @ 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm (All school welcome to watch & cheer!)**
- **Friday, June 10th – Final Day to bring food for the Food Drive**
- **Saturday, June 11th – New Student Assessments**
- **Monday, June 13th – 8th Grade Baccalaureate and Graduation @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Gym**
- **Thursday, June 16th – Field Day & Noon Dismissal!!!!**
- **Friday, June 17th – Report Card Day, Last day of the 2021 - 2022 School Year and End Of School Mass & Dismissal after Mass**
- **Sunday, June 19th – Fathers' Day**