



May 9th, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month: Thinker

Building a world of JOY!

***“Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.” - Mahatma Gandhi***

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

In **Religion** this week we will continue learning about the Domestic Church (Lesson 13) & how God Calls us to Service (Lesson 14). During our weekly **Second Step** lesson, we will learn about *Dealing with Gossip*. **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.

In **Math** with Ms. Bakannis, we will continue our lessons on Adding & Subtracting Fractions. We might finish the chapter this week. We will have a our **Unit 9 Test early next week**. 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 have begun our unit on Statistics. We will be analyzing data, making charts, and learning how to present data in good ways as well as misleading ways. Data always tells a story - what story do you want to tell? Please double check PowerSchool for any possible missing assignments. 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 each week by Monday, May 16th!**

In **Reading & Spelling** with *Ms. Bakamis*, 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 9th), we will have new Spelling lists this week (on Wednesday), but the test on these new words will be early next week (I will let the students know by Wednesday)!**

**There is NO grammar this week.** In **Writing**, students have finished their persuasive letters to Mr. Boyle about whether chocolate milk should be served in schools or not. Fifth graders began preparing for the debate last week and will rehearse with their teams tomorrow. **Tuesday is the live debate. Students may have a PROFESSIONAL free dress day on Tuesday.** For the remainder of the week, students will begin a new argument paper on one of four pre-chosen topics. They will spend the rest of May researching, writing, and revising their new persuasive argument. Fifth grade will have a debate on these new topics in the beginning of June. All writing assignments are posted in Google Classroom: 5B Writing/Grammar - Research Based Argument Essay. Please email me at [rsmith@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto: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.

#### Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – P.E., **Spelling Test, Library (Read-Aloud)**
- Tuesday – **Professional Free Dress for Debates**, P.E., **Battle of the Books (Finals), 2 pm Dismissal**
- Wednesday – P.E., **Silent Online Auction begins!**
- Thursday – Library, P.E.
- Friday – Mass (grades 2nd - 8th), Music, & Design
- **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Silent Online Auction closes, Grecian Gala Auction (in-person)**

#### Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – MAP testing window opens*
- *Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – 5B in the Garden, MYP Play, Fulcrum Celebration of Light*
- **Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> – Fundraising DAY OFF!**
- **Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – No School for Memorial Day**