





September 25th, 2022

Growing Together in Faith!

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

Here's where we're headed this week in the classroom:

This week in **Science** we will continue our unit on how organic matter cycles through our living world in systems of interdependent parts. Many of our lessons will focus on ecology and will help the students develop the idea that plants, animals, and fungi form a system of interdependent parts, with each part dependent on the other parts for its material nourishment.

In **Religion** this week we will continue in our first unit on God, Our Creator and Father. In this unit, we will learn about how God creates us, how God saves us, God's Revelation, how God directs our lives, how we celebrate Ordinary Time.

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will finish our unit entitled "Place Value and Number Relationships." In this unit we have learned how to generalize place value, extend place value to decimals, read & write decimals, compare decimals, & use place value to round decimals. Our Unit 3 Math Tests will be towards the end of the week. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we will continue our unit on Proportions and Ratios. This is an introduction to SLOPE and we will make the connection between Proportional Relationships, Direct Variation, and Slope! **Our weekly ALEKS expectation will be that each student completes at least 5 topics by Sunday night.**

In the **Library** with Mrs. Feucht, we will continue our lessons on Digital Citizenship. Please ask your student about the family handout they received this week for additional discussion on this unit! These lessons include the following topics: Media Balance and Well-Being: What does media balance mean for me?, Privacy and Security: What is clickbait and how can you avoid it?, Digital Footprint and Identity: How do gender stereotypes shape our experiences online?, Relationships and Communication: How do you keep online friendships safe?, Cyberbullying and Digital Drama: What is cyberbullying and what can you do to stop it?, News and Media Literacy: What are the important parts of an online news article?.

This week in **Reading** with Ms. Bakannis, we will continue to read books within our reading levels and focus on our comprehension skills. We will be going over our new Lexile Levels and be setting goals for the trimester. As a nightly practice, the students will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading. **Our first trimester AR goal is 15 points!**

In **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we will practice grammar skills and consider how we can make our personal story writing even more vibrant by focusing on specific strategies, including first/last events, locations, and inspiration from other writers.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE (5B - please bring your shoes), Music (5A), Library (5A - check out books)
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A - please bring your shoes), & 2 pm Early Dismissal, **Safe Environment Training (6:00 pm - 9:00pm) in the St. Luke auditorium - Needs to be completed prior to Camp Seymour (other trainings are available if unable to attend on Tuesday 9/27)**
- **Wednesday** – PE (5B - please bring your shoes), Music (5A), Spanish (5A), & Library (5B)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A - please bring your shoes), Spanish (5B), & Library (5A), Celebration Dinner
- **Friday** – **Mass @ 8:45 am**, Free Dress!!, Music (5A), & Library (5B - check out books)

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, October 3rd – 13th - Food Drive

Friday, October 14th - No school for Staff In-service Day

Tuesday, October 18th - St. Luke-A-Thon!

Wednesday, October 19th - Feast of St. Luke Mass in the CHURCH (best uniforms), Archbishop presiding

Thursday, October 20th - Great WA State Shake-Out Drill 10.20.22 at 10:20

Friday, October 21st - Mid-trimester reports go home!, St. Luke Middle School Dance for grades 7 & 8

Tuesday - Friday, October 25th – 28th - Grade 5 goes to camp!