

October 2nd, 2022

IB Attributes of the Month: Caring & Balanced

Growing Together in Faith!

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant."
- Robert Louis Stevenson

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

In **Religion** this week we will continue our 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. In **Second Step**, we will begin our Bullying Prevention Unit this week. We will learn how to recognize, report, & refuse bullying. **Each student will be responsible for completing a Homelink connected to the lesson with an adult every week.**

This week in Math with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will begin our unit entitled "Adding and Subtracting Decimals." In this unit we will learn how to estimate sums and differences of decimals, represent addition of decimals, represent addition of tenths & hundredths, use strategies to add decimals, represent subtraction of tenths & hundredths, & use strategies to subtract decimals. 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! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Carson directly at gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org. Our weekly ALEKS expectation will be that each student completes at least 5 topics by Sunday night.

In **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 & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will continue to read books within our reading levels and focus on our comprehension skills. We will focus on reading books within our new Lexile Levels and set 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!** We will also continue practicing our Spelling words that we received last week. Each student is expected to have practiced their spelling words at LEAST five times over the past few weeks and will turn in their Spelling Notebook prior to their test on Friday, October 7th. We will have our first **Spelling Test on Friday, October 7th.**

In **Writing** *with Mr. Scholz*, having now started to build our grammar toolkit by examining conjunctions, we will develop our Narrative writing with techniques that help the audience to connect with our personal stories!

This week in **Science** we will continue our unit on how organic matter cycles through our living world in systems of interdependent parts. 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. This will tie to our upcoming trip to Camp Seymour.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** PE (5B please bring your shoes), Music (5A), Library (5A check out books), Food Drive starts
- Tuesday Music (5B), PE (5A please bring your shoes), & 2 pm Early Dismissal, Food Drive continues
- **Wednesday** PE (5B please bring your shoes), Music (5A), Spanish (5A), & Library (5B), Food Drive continues
- Thursday Music (5B), PE (5A please bring your shoes), Spanish (5B), & Library (5A), Food Drive continues
- Friday Mass @ 8:45 am, Spelling Test (5A & 5B), Music (5A), & Library (5B check out books), Food Drive continues

<u>Upcoming Dates:</u>

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!*