



October 30th, 2022

IB Attributes of the Months: Caring, Balanced, & Inquirers

Growing Together in Faith!

“A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside.” - Denis Waitley

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

In **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we will continue our “seed idea” story drafts for Narrative Writing, considering how to make our small-moment memories come alive for the audience. We are re-considering the major point of the story (why this is important to us!) and now applying storytelling techniques such as flashbacks and flashforwards. We will also continue with our Grammar practice (online and interactive reference notebooks) by moving into verbs!

This week in **Science** we will wrap up 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 ties to our recent trip to Camp Seymour.

In **Religion** this week we will wrap up our unit on God, Our Creator and Father. These sessions have focussed on God’s revelation shown in the covenant, God’s call shown in the Beatitudes, and how the sacraments help us live God’s love in the season of Ordinary Time. In **Second Step**, we will continue our new online curriculum. We will continue our unit entitled “Growth Mindset and Goal Setting.” In this unit students will learn how to develop a growth mindset and to plan, modify, and achieve goals. The specific skills that we’ll work on are setting a personal goal, making a plan to reach a goal, evaluating the process toward reaching a goal and identifying roadblocks that may get in the way, making changes to overcome roadblocks, and responding to reflection questions. **Each student will be responsible for completing a Homelink connected to each unit with an adult (this is different than prior years).**

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we begin our unit entitled “Multiplying Multi-Digit Whole Numbers.” In this unit we will learn how to understand powers & exponents, find patterns when multiplying whole numbers by powers of ten, estimate products of multi-digit factors, use area models to multiply multi-digit factors, use partial products to multiply multi-digit factors, relate partial products of an algorithm, and multiply multi-digit factors fluently. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we will start our 3rd unit, on expressions. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Carson directly at gearson@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 wrap up our lessons on Digital Citizenship. Please ask your student about the family handout they received 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 read articles tied to our Science unit. We will also continue to focus on independently reading 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 have new Spelling to practice this week! **Each student is expected to have practiced their spelling words at LEAST five times over the past two weeks and will turn in their Spelling Notebook prior to their test on Thursday, November 10th. We will have our Spelling Test on Thursday, November 10th.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday – Halloween (wear your costume),** PE (5B), Music (5A), Library (5A - check out books), **Trunk-or-Treat & Halloween Party**
- **Tuesday – All Saints Day All School Mass @ 9:30 am,** Music (5B), PE (5A), & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday – Picture retake and class picture day (Best Uniform),** PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A), Library (5B)
- **Thursday –** Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), & Library (5A)
- **Friday –** Ms. Bakamis will be out of town (there will be a substitute teacher), Music (5A), Library (5B - check out books)

Upcoming Dates:

- **Saturday, November 5th - Bingo Bash**
- **Monday, November 7th - Ms. Bakamis will be out of town (there will be a substitute teacher)**
- **Tuesday, November 8th - All School Open House (6:30-8:00PM)**
- **Thursday, November 10th - Veterans Day Assembly**
- **Friday, November 11th - Veterans Day Holiday (No School)**
- **Friday - Wednesday, November 11th – 23rd - Book Fair**
- **Friday, November 18th - Free Dress Day & Advisory Service Day for MYP**
- **Monday - Wednesday, November 21st – 23rd - Student-led Conferences**
- **Thursday - Sunday, November 24th – 27th - Thanksgiving Break**
- **Sunday, November 27th - First Sunday of Advent**
- **Monday, November 28th - First week of Advent Prayer Service led by 8th grade**