



October 9th, 2022

IB Attributes of the Month: Caring & Balanced

**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:

This week in **Math** with *Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz*, we will continue 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 decimals, represent subtraction of tenths & hundredths, and use strategies to subtract decimals. In **Math** with *Mr. Carson*, we just finished our unit on Proportions and Ratios. This was an introduction to SLOPE and we made the connection between Proportional Relationships, Direct Variation, and Slope! *If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Carson directly at [gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto: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 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 have new Spelling to practice this 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 21st. We will have our *Spelling Test on Friday, October 21st.*

In **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we are solidifying our understanding of grammatical building blocks by reviewing prepositional phrases. In our Narrative writing unit, we will expand our understanding of narrative point of view and learn how to critique our own work as we move towards our first major writing assessment!

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.

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 a new online curriculum. We will begin 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. Please read the letter that was attached to our weekly Newsletter for further information. We will also be learning about how to be a safe friend in Teaching Safety lesson. **Each student will be responsible for completing a Homelink connected to the lesson with an adult every week.**

### Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE (5B - please bring your shoes), Music (5A), Library (5A - check out books), **Food Drive continues**
- **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), **Last Day for the Food Drive!!!**, Mr. Carroll will be subbing for Ms. Bakamis while she attends a training in Portland, OR
- **Friday** – **No school for Staff In-service Day**

### Upcoming Dates:

**Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** - St. Luke-A-Thon! (5B - We will be making most of these costumes in class, but students should wear a white shirt and dark colored pants/shorts)

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

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** - Great WA State Shake-Out Drill 10.20.22 at 10:20

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

**Tuesday - Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>** - Grade 5 goes to camp!