



November 13th, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month: Inquirers

Growing Together in Faith!

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.” - Albert Einstein

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

In **Religion** this week we will finish our unit on God, Our Creator and Father. These sessions have focused 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 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 wrap up our unit entitled “Multiplying Multi-Digit Whole Numbers.” In this unit we have learned 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. ***Our Unit 5 Math Test will be later in the week (Wednesday 11/16 or Thursday 11/17).*** In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we will complete our testing of unit 3 and begin Unit 4 on Integers and Rational numbers. We will also begin working on the coordinate plane. These are all foundational elements of Algebra and Geometry. ***Our weekly ALEKS expectation will be that each student completes at least 5 topics by Sunday night.***

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will read books of our choosing tied to our Social Studies unit. We'll also continue to focus on setting goals for ourselves and continuing to read books independently within our reading levels and focus on our comprehension skills. 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 three times over the week and will turn in their Spelling Notebook prior to their test on Friday, November 18th when we have our Spelling Test.**

In **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we are approaching the end of our unit. Our narrative drafts will be reviewed, edited, and polished into their final form! We will be reading examples from famous authors as well as previous St. Luke 5th graders to be inspired and see what can be improved in our own work. We can't wait to see how these drafts come together and become inspiration for future students!

In **Social Studies** we will begin to learn about the early colonists and begin our unit entitled "Opportunity motivates people to leave home." This is an exciting unit where we will be learning in groups to sail to the "New World" and establish our new colonies. Students will be working on their group work skills through this adventure.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE (5B), Library (5A - check out books), *Scholastic Book Fair Continues*
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), & 2 pm Early Dismissal, *Scholastic Book Fair Continues*
- **Wednesday** – PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A), Library (5B), *Scholastic Book Fair Continues*
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), Library (5A), *Scholastic Book Fair Continues*
- **Friday** – Library (5B - check out books), Music (5A), Free Dress & *Scholastic Book Fair Continues*

Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday - Wednesday, November 21st – 23rd - Student-led Conferences (see email for Homeroom links)**
- **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**