



November 27th, 2022

IB Attributes of the Months: Inquirers & Knowledgeable

Growing Together in Faith!

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.” - William Arthur Ward

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

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we begin Unit 6, “Multiply Decimals.” In this unit we will learn how to identify patterns when multiplying decimals by powers of ten, estimate products of decimals, represent multiplication of decimals, use area models to multiply decimals, and explain multiple strategies to multiply decimals. The Unit 5 Unit Review (in our textbook) will be used as the Test Corrections. **Unit 5 Test Corrections are due on Friday, December 2nd.** In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we continue our Unit 4 on Integers and Rational numbers. We will complete this unit this week and begin our review. **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. 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, December 2nd when we have our Spelling Test.**

In **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we will begin our next unit on Information Writing. In part 1, we will be writing very quick “flash-draft” research reports, practicing our revision skills, and learning to make effective choices in writing structure. In Grammar, we return to our verb practice by examining shifts in verb tense (making subjects and verbs agree: a crucial skill for all effective written communication!)

In **Social Studies** we will continue 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.

In **Religion** this week we will begin learning about and reviewing the significance of season of Advent and Unit 2 entitled “Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.” In this unit our lessons will focus on St. Alphonsus Liguori, the New Life in Jesus, Meeting Jesus, Baptized into Christ, Growing in the Spirit, and Celebrating Advent. In **Second Step**, we will finish our unit entitled “Growth Mindset and Goal Setting” by practicing our new skills together. In this unit students learned how to develop a growth mindset and to plan, modify, and achieve goals. The specific skills were setting a personal goal, making a plan, evaluating the process and identifying roadblocks that may get in the way, making changes to overcome roadblocks, and reflecting on the experience questions. **Each student will be responsible for completing a Homelink connected to each unit with an adult (this is different than prior years).**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – First week of Advent prayer service led by 8th grade, PE (5B), Library (5A - check out books)
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), **School Family Meetings**, & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **Mass at 8:45 am**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A), Library (5B)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), Library (5A)
- **Friday** – **Spelling Test & 3 Spelling Practices due, End of Trimester 1 grading period**, Library (5B - check out books), Music (5A)

Upcoming Dates:

- *Monday, December 5th - Second week of Advent Prayer Service focused on PEACE led by the 4th grade*
- *Wednesday, December 6th - St. Nicholas Day!*
- ***Thursday, December 8th - All school Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception. 5th grade will be leading Mass. Please join us if you can!***
- ***Friday, December 9th - First trimester report cards go home, First “house” caroling rehearsal***
- *Monday, December 12th - Third week of Advent Prayer Service and Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe focused on the theme LOVE led by the 6th Grade Spanish Students*
- ***Wednesday, December 14th - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM***
- *Thursday, December 15th - Second “house” caroling rehearsal*
- *Friday, December 16th - Fourth week of Advent Prayer Service focused on the theme JOY led by 2nd Grade, Final “house” caroling rehearsal followed by Caroling Competition in the gym followed by 12:00 Noon dismissal*