



November 6th, 2022

IB Attributes of the Month: Inquirers

Growing Together in Faith!

“Inquiry starts with observation. The more one can see, the more one can investigate.” - Martin Chalfie

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

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.

This week in **Science** we will finish 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. Our Camp Seymour journals are due this week (Thursday, November 10th). Each student is expected to complete at LEAST 3 journal entries (½ a page and at LEAST 5 complete sentences) about their experiences at camp.

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 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 begin our review of unit 3, we have spent time working with fractions and multi-digit expressions and equations. Our test will likely be on Wednesday 11/9/22. **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 reflect on the articles we read 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 two weeks and will turn in their Spelling Notebook prior to their test on Thursday, November 10th when we have our Spelling Test.**

In **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we are approaching our next milestone. We will review the strategies we have learned and work on an ending for our current story, using a checklist to guide our final revisions. There is a lot to consider here but also so much growth! In Grammar we will continue our work on verbs, building on the simple, progressive, and perfect verb tenses with our hands-on interactive notebooks and the Mobymax online practice.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – Ms. Bakamis will be out of town (there will be a substitute teacher), PE (5B), Library (5A - check out books)
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), & 2 pm Early Dismissal, All School Open House at 6:30 pm - 8 pm
- **Wednesday** – PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A), Library (5B)
- **Thursday** – **Veterans Day Assembly @ 9:30 am**, Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), Library (5A), visit from Seminarian Joseph (5B)
- **Friday** – **No School (Veterans Day Holiday), Scholastic Book Fair Begins**

Upcoming Dates:

- **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**