



December 31st, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month(s): Knowledgeable & Principled

Growing Together in Faith!

“Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.”

- Norman Vincent Peale

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

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 continue learning about our second unit entitled “Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.” In this unit our lessons focus on the New Life in Jesus, Meeting Jesus, Baptized into Christ, & Growing in the Spirit. We will also be reflecting on the Random Acts of Kindness that we did throughout the the holiday break. We will explore ways to support our community through acts of service.

This week in **Math** with *Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz*, we begin Unit 7, “Divide Whole Numbers.” In this unit, we will learn how about division patterns within multi-digit numbers, how to estimate quotients, how to relate multiplication and division, how to represent division of two-digit numbers, how to use partial quotients to divide, how to divide multi-digit whole numbers, & how to solve problems involving division. In **Math** with *Mr. Carson*, we will begin our new unit this week. If you have further questions about Mr. Carson’s Math class, please contact him via email at gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org. ***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 continue to work on our comprehension skills while we read nonfiction articles tied to our Social Studies unit. The students will be learning a number of strategies to improve these skills. As a nightly practice, the students will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading. **Our Second Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will have new Spelling words this week. They will need to practice these words at LEAST 3 times in their Spelling Notebooks prior to our Spelling Test. **Our Spelling Test will be on Friday, January 6th!**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we will apply new lenses to our Information Writing drafts. These are all practical tools used by history writers: studying geography, asking questions, and using timelines to understand causation. In Grammar, we continue our work with the small-but-mighty comma, as we conclude this section on punctuation!

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday – New Year’s Day! (No School)**
- **Tuesday – Music (5B), PE (5A), & 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 (Practices due PRIOR to test), Library (5B - check out), Music (5A)**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- *Wednesday/Thursday, January 11th or January 12th - North Region Principals’ Meeting at St. Luke*
- *Thursday, January 12th - Classroom lunches due to a funeral reception*
- **Monday, January 16th - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, NO SCHOOL**
- *Tuesday, January 17th - MAP testing window opens*
- **Saturday, January 21st - St. Luke Parish “Trivia Night”**
- **Friday, January 27th - Mid-trimester reports, Fulcrum Celebration of Light**
- **Sunday, January 29th - Catholic Schools Week Begins!, 9:00AM Full staff attends Mass to begin Catholic Schools Week followed by Open House displays throughout the school after Mass.**
- **Monday, January 30th – Parent Appreciation Day**
- **Tuesday, January 31st – Teacher Appreciation Day**
- **Wednesday, February 1st – Grandparents Appreciation Day & Faith-based Community Appreciation Day, and All School CSW Mass followed by reception for grandparents in auditorium**
- **Thursday, February 2nd – Celebrate our Alums, Donors, & St. Luke Fan Club**
- **Friday, February 3rd – Student Appreciation Day & International Festival in auditorium**