



December 4th, 2022

IB Attribute of the Month: Knowledgeable

Growing Together in Faith!

“If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.” - Margaret Fuller

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

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will continue to read books of our choosing tied to our Social Studies unit. We will be continue to work on our comprehension skills. 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!** We will have new Spelling rules & lists 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 9th when we have our Spelling Test.**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we continue our Grammar practice by returning to an early topic, the correlative conjunctions, using our interactive notebooks and online MobyMax practice. We will also expand on our "flash-draft" research papers! With new strategies for revision and expansion, we are learning to improve both our collection of data and our effective communication in informational writing. This is a great opportunity to practice our December IB attribute of *Knowledgeable*.

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 begin our unit entitled “Emotion Management” by practicing new skills together. In this unit students will describe a recurring situation in which they typically feel a strong emotion, recognize what they can and cannot change about recurring situations in which they typically feel strong emotions, describe changes they will make to manage strong emotions the next time the situation occurs. In this week’s lesson, students will learn that it’s possible to anticipate recurring situations that cause them to feel strong emotions so they can plan ways to manage those emotions in the future. Tell your child about a recurring situation in your life that typically causes you to feel a strong emotion, like anger or frustration. Ask your child to tell you about similar situations in their life. **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 continue 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. In **Math with Mr. Carson**, we will complete our Unit 4 on Integers and Rational numbers. We began the review on Friday and will have **our test on this unit on Tuesday 12/6/22**. We will begin our Unit on Equations and Inequalities at the end of the week. **Our weekly ALEKS expectation will be that each student completes at least 5 topics by Sunday night.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – **Second week of Advent prayer service (Peace) led by 4th grade**, PE (5B), Library (5A - check out books)
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), **St. Nicholas Day**, & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A), Library (5B)
- **Thursday** – **All school Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception**, Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), Library (5A)
- **Friday** – **Spelling Test & 3 Spelling Practices due**, Library (5B - check out books), Music (5A), First “house” caroling rehearsal, **First trimester report cards go home**

Upcoming Dates:

- **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 at 6 pm!**
- **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 Christmas Caroling Competition in the gym followed by 12:00 Noon dismissal**
- **December 18th – January 2nd Christmas Break**
- **Tuesday, January 3rd - First day back after Christmas break, 2 pm Dismissal (New Date!)**