



January 22nd, 2023

IB Attribute of the Month: Principled

Growing Together in Faith!

“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.” - Maya Angelou

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

In **Science**, we have begun our unit entitled “Water is essential to life and a limited resource for some.” This is an exciting unit where we will begin our Exhibition! This is a culminating project that happens at the end of our Primary Years Programme. The students will be choosing different water-related issues/problems to learn more about and ultimately take action to improve. In this unit, students consider the profound importance of water as a natural resource. Students investigate the distribution of water, how it cycles through Earth's systems, and explore how it affects human societies.

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will continue to work on our comprehension skills while we focus on reading books within our Lexile Levels. Each student will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading as a nightly practice. **Our Second Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will NOT have new Spelling words this week. They will need to choose 15 words from their Spelling Bee Packets and practice these words at LEAST 6 times in their Spelling Notebooks to prepare for our **class Spelling Bee on January 24th.** **Their Spelling Practices will be due on Friday, January 27th!**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we continue to develop our Western Expansion research drafts in this third and final phase. We are now expanding both our research skills (analyzing differing perspectives and using primary sources) as well as writing strategies to present information in a clear and engaging way. Our grammar lessons on sentence structure and word choice will also continue to help us for our final project!

In **Religion** this week we shift from our unit on “Jesus, Our Lord and Savior” to “The Church, Our Community in the Spirit.” Building on our discussions about the sacraments of initiation which connect us with the life of the Trinity, this unit explores our call to love and serve God and neighbor through specific work as Christians.

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will have our **Unit 7 Math Test by Monday, January 23rd!** We will begin Unit 8 entitled “Divide Decimals”. In this unit, we will learn about division patterns & powers of 10, how to estimate quotients of decimals, how to represent the division of decimals by a whole number, how to divide decimals by whole numbers by decimals, how to divide whole numbers by decimals, and how to divide decimals by decimals. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we have begun our unit on Equations and Inequalities. We are starting to learn how to solve for variables using inverse operations and building variable equations from word problems! If you have further questions about Mr. Carson’s Math class, please contact him via email at gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org. **Our weekly ALEKS expectation is that each student completes at least 5 topics by Sunday night.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – **MAP Testing**, PE (5B), Library (5A - check out)
- **Tuesday** – **MAP Testing**, Music (5B), PE (5A), **5th Grade Class Spelling Bee @ 1 pm**, & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **MAP Testing**, **Mass @ 8:45 am**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – **5th Grade Class Auction**, Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B)
- **Friday** – **Free Dress Friday**, Library (5B - check out), Music (5A), School Families, **Mid-trimester reports, Fulcrum Celebration of Light**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Sunday, January 29th - Catholic Schools Week Begins!, 9:00 AM 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 Catholic Schools Week Mass followed by a program with light refreshments for grandparents**
- **Thursday, February 2nd – Celebrate our Alums, Donors, & St. Luke Fan Club**
- **Friday, February 3rd – Student Appreciation Day**