



February 12th, 2023

IB Attribute of the Month: Open-Minded

Growing Together in Faith!

"Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." - Mother Teresa

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

In **Religion** this week we continue our third unit entitled "The Church, Our Community in the Spirit." This unit's lessons focus on signs of unity in the Church, Holy Orders, the Domestic Church, and the universal call to holiness in service of God and neighbor. We will be brainstorming different ways we can serve others this week.

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will begin our new unit entitled "Add & Subtract Fractions." We will be learning how to estimate sums & differences of fractions, how to add & subtract fractions with unlike denominators, how to add & subtract mixed numbers with unlike denominators, and how to add & subtract mixed numbers with regrouping. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we will continue working with equations with multiple variables. This is an important topic that touches on graphing and slope. The book does not mention slope but we learn that linear functions, tables, and equations with a direct variation or a constant rate of change all mean slope! 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 (& at LEAST 45 minutes) by Sunday night.**

In **Science**, we will continue our unit entitled "Water is essential to life and a limited resource for some." This is an exciting unit where we have begun our Exhibition projects! The Exhibition is a culminating project that happens at the end of our Primary Years Programme. The students have chosen 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 will 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 reading a book tied to our study of water entitled A Long Walk to Water. This will give us a global perspective of how important water is. We will complete comprehension questions and learn new vocabulary throughout this novel study. In addition to weekly Reading assignments, each student will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of independent reading as a nightly practice. **Our Second Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will have new Spelling words this week. Each student is expected to practice their spelling words at LEAST 3 times in their Spelling Notebook. **These practices are due PRIOR to the Spelling Tests on Friday, February 17th.**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we move into the final drafting phase of our Westward Expansion research project. With our outlines prepared and our research at hand, we will practice writing effective introductions and conclusions to support our rich body paragraphs. Finally we will assemble the text with visuals to create our digital books! This week we also continue our Exhibition work by discussing teamwork with our mentors, and analyzing our Lines of Inquiry using strategies for informational writing. In just a few short weeks we will be deep into research for presentation in March!

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE (5B), Library (5A - check out)
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), **Valentine's Day Party** & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – Mass (2nd - 8th grade) at 8:45 am, PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), **State of the School @ 6:30 pm in the Auditorium**
- **Friday** – PE (5A), Library (5B), **Free Dress Friday**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, February 20th – Presidents' Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL)**
- **Wednesday, February 22nd – Ash Wednesday (Readings and distribution of ashes – No Mass)**
- **Thursday, February 23rd – Parents' Club meeting via ZOOM**
- **Friday, February 24th - Superintendent visit! (Best uniforms), Spelling Bee (Congratulations Johnny, Lucas, Steven, Ava, & Tula)**
- **Thursday → Sunday, March 2nd – 4th - MYP Musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!”**