



February 19th, 2023

IB Attribute of the Month: Open-Minded

Growing Together in Faith!

“We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon.” - Franklin D. Roosevelt

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

This week in **Math** with *Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz*, we will continue 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 have completed our unit on Relationships Between Two Variables, including our practice with Slope and Direct Variation. We are now beginning our units involving Geometry which will include area and perimeters of various polygons. 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 NOT have new Spelling words this week due to the holiday.

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we celebrate the completion of our Western Expansion digital book, the first Informational Writing project! We will now turn our attention toward the Exhibition of water research, applying all of our research and writing skills to this challenging work. Our Grammar lesson continues to link our ELA curriculum by practicing the skills of “Context Clues,” supporting broad reading comprehension (especially in non-fiction texts). Over these next few weeks, students will investigate their topics and begin crafting an incredible presentation for World Water Day on March 22nd!

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 continue to build connections to expressing love for others through service, especially in the context of Lent beginning on Wednesday.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – **Presidents’ Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL)**
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **Ash Wednesday (Readings and distribution of ashes)**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), **Parents’ Club meeting via ZOOM**
- **Friday** – PE (5A), Library (5B), **Superintendent visit! (Best uniforms), Spelling Bee (Congratulations Johnny, Lucas, Steven, Ava, & Tula)**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Thursday → Sunday, March 2nd – 4th - MYP Musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!”**