



February 26th, 2023

IB Attributes of the Months: Open-Minded & Risk-Takers

Growing Together in Faith!

“Always keep an open mind and a compassionate heart.” - Phil Jackson

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

In **Science**, we will continue our unit entitled “Water is essential to life and a limited resource for some.” This unit is tied to our Exhibition. 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 at our own Lexile Level. **Our Second Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will have new Spelling words this week. Each student will need to practice their words at LEAST 3 times in their Spelling Notebook. They will need to turn these notebooks in PRIOR to their **Spelling Test on Friday, March 3rd!**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we will continue to focus on Exhibition preparation. With focus from our group discussions, we are applying our research and note-taking skills to our water topic. This is crucial work as we identify and contact relevant experts, investigate specific lines of inquiry, and decide how we will “take action” to apply our knowledge. Using our in-class time to prepare allows us to work efficiently during our mentor meetings each week. We encourage you to talk with your student about their experience thus far!

In **Religion** this week we focus on the Lenten virtue of charity and we will learn more about St. Vincent de Paul. This is perfect as we begin our Lenten Food Drive on March 6th and as we gather goods for The Josephinum, a low-income housing property run by Catholic Community Services of Western Washington. We will be partnering with the parish on this service opportunity. Please pick up a green bag from the church and begin collecting items to be donated on March 17th for these neighbors in need!

This week in **Math** with *Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz*, we will finish our new unit entitled “Add & Subtract Fractions.” We have learned 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. **Our Unit 9 Test will be on Monday, March 6th!** In **Math** with *Mr. Carson*, we continue to work with our first unit involving Geometry. We are calculating the areas and perimeters of various polygons. We will begin our review at the end of this coming week and have a test early the following 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 is that each student completes at LEAST 5 topics (& at LEAST 45 minutes) by Sunday night.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE (5B), Library (5A)
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **Wednesday Lenten Mass**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), **MYP Musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!”**
- **Friday** – Music (5A), Library (5B), **MYP Musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!”**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Friday & Saturday, March 3rd & 4th - MYP Musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!”**
- **March 6th – Lenten Food Drive begins**
- **March 10th – Teacher Inservice Day (no school for students)**
- **March 12th – Daylight Savings Time begins**
- **March 13th – Lenten prayer service**
- **March 17th - MYP Service Day (End of 2nd Trimester)**
- **March 22nd – 5th Grade Exhibition**
- **March 24th – Report Card Day**
- **March 30th – Vision and Hearing Tests**
- **March 31st – Free Dress & Fish Fry Drive-Thru Dinner!**