



March 19th, 2023

IB Attribute of the Month: Risk-Takers

### Growing Together in Faith!

*“Water is life, and clean water means health.” - Audrey Hepburn*

Welcome into the 3rd Trimester of 5th grade! Here’s where we’re headed this week in the classroom:

In **Religion** this week we focus on the Lenten virtue of *fortitude* and we will learn more about *St. Joan of Arc*. We will continue to prepare ourselves for Lent by praying, fasting, and giving alms. As a class, we will continue thinking about ways we can be of service to others. We will review all of the acts of service we have done so far this year and add them to our Service Hour Logs. **Our 3rd Trimester goal is 10 service hours.**

This week in **Math** with *Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz*, we continue our unit Multiplying Fractions. In this unit, we will learn how to multiply a whole number by a fraction, multiply a fraction by another fraction, multiply mixed numbers, & divide multiples of 100. In **Math** with *Mr. Carson*, we will have our test on finding volumes and surface area of 3-dimensional objects. We will begin our next unit by the end of the week. If you have further questions about Mr. Carson’s Math class, please contact him via email at [gcarson@stlukeshoreline.org](mailto: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 unit is tied to our Exhibition theme. The Exhibition is a culminating project at the end of our Primary Years Program. 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, each student is expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of independent reading as a nightly practice at our own Lexile Level. **Our Third Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will have NEW Spelling words this week & next. Each student will need to practice their words at LEAST 5 times (with the addition of our Interactive Word Sort - found on Google Classroom) for a total of six practices in their Spelling Notebook. They must turn these notebooks in PRIOR to their **Spelling Test on Friday, March 31st!**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we conclude Exhibition preparations! With scripts polished and rehearsed, students will share their projects on Wednesday with both old and young audiences. **Please visit from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm if you can!** With the Exhibition concluded, we turn our attention toward a new writing unit on the research-based argument essay. This unit is part of our IB unit, "How We Express Ourselves" which is an inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs, and values. Grammar practice will also resume next week.

### **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), **5th Grade Exhibition (World Water Day!) - please see weekly email for specifics**
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B)
- **Friday** – Library (5B), Music (5A), **Report Cards come home**

### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- **Thursday, March 30th** – **Vision and Hearing Tests**
- **Friday, March 31st** – **Free Dress & Fish Fry Drive-Thru Dinner!**