



March 26th, 2023

IB Attribute of the Month: Risk-Takers

Growing Together in Faith!

“In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

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

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we wrap up our unit Multiplying Fractions. In this unit, we’ve learned how to multiply a whole number by a fraction, multiply a fraction by another fraction, multiply mixed numbers, & divide multiples of 100. **We will have our Unit 10 Test on Friday, March 31st.** In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we have begun our unit on data, charting, and measures of center. This unit will take a couple of weeks. This is the last unit in the book. We will begin special units with additional work on algebraic topics after we complete the book units. 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 wrap up 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 have considered the profound importance of water as a natural resource. Students have investigated the distribution of water, and how it cycles through Earth’s systems and explored how it affects human societies.

We will begin our new **Social Studies** unit this week “Liberties come with Responsibilities.” The students will be back in their Discovery simulation groups and we will learn about the early lives of colonists and how they governed themselves. We will examine how we organize ourselves as a society. Students will reflect on their rights and responsibilities as members of their families students, members of faith-based communities, and as global citizens.

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. We will begin reading books tied to our new Social Studies unit. **Our Third Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will have the same Spelling words this week as we had last week. 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 will begin our new Persuasive Writing unit. This first section explores the reasons for and against a real-world school issue. After reading critically and considering the different perspectives, we will learn the important techniques of assembling evidence and composing convincing arguments! This week also sees the return of Grammar. This lesson (notebook and MobyMax online quiz) builds on and reinforces dictionary skills introduced in the recent book study on A Long Walk to Water.

In **Religion** this week we focus on the Lenten virtue of **responsibility** and we will learn more about **St. Henry**. We are also now exploring the new unit titled "Sacraments, Our Way of Life." Aligning with our liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter, this unit focuses on meeting Jesus in the sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation (Confession), and Anointing of the Sick. As we approach the events of Holy Week, students will learn more about the connections between the Jewish feast of Passover and the Christian Eucharist, with a particular emphasis on how God cares for each of us and wants to save and nourish us. This is a great opportunity for practical application to understanding the Mass, especially after students toured our renovated St. Luke church last week with Fr. Brad!

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), Library (5B), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), Library (5A), **Vision and Hearing Tests**
- **Friday** – **Free Dress**, **Spelling Test**, Library (5B), Music (5A), Design (both classes), **Math Test (for Bakamis & Scholz classes only)**, & **Fish Fry Drive-Thru Dinner**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Wednesday - Friday, March 29th – April 28th** – ACRE testing window for grades 5 & 8
- **Monday - Friday, April 3rd – 7th** – Holy Week
- **Thursday, April 6th** – Tridium begins with Holy Thursday
- **Friday, April 7th** – Good Friday, Stations of the Cross presented by the eighth grade to grade bands in the church. (schedule TBA), students will be dismissed in SILENCE, **Easter Holiday begins! (School resumes on Monday, April 17th)**
- **Saturday, April 8th** – Easter Vigil
- **Sunday, April 9th** – Easter
- **Monday, April 17th** – **School resumes!**
- **Friday, April 21st** – Free Dress Friday
- **Saturday - Sunday, April 22nd – 30th** – Book Fair
- **Thursday & Friday, April 27th & 28th** – **Spring Conferences**