



March 5th, 2023

IB Attribute of the Month: Risk-Takers

### Growing Together in Faith!

*“Anything's possible if you've got enough nerve.” - J. K. Rowling*

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

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, we will finish reading a book tied to our study of water entitled A Long Walk to Water. This novel has given 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 & next week. Each student will need to practice their words at LEAST 5 times in their Spelling Notebook. They will need to turn these notebooks in PRIOR to their **Spelling Test on Friday, March 17th!**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, our Exhibition work shifts into high gear! The focus will be collaboratively designing the World Water Day presentation, and drafting informative text for scripts and posters. Students are also scheduling and conducting expert interviews, after practicing the process with a 6th grade “junior expert” who visited our class last week. There is so much energy around the project right now as students begin assembling facts and plan an approach to create positive change on their topic. **Save the date: Wednesday, March 22nd will be the Exhibition itself!**

In **Religion** this week we focus on the Lenten virtue of courtesy and we will learn more about Blessed Solanus Casey. We begin our **Lenten Food Drive on Monday, March 6th** and we are also **gathering goods for The Josephinum**. This is a low-income housing property run by Catholic Community Services of Western Washington, in which many residents have struggled with housing insecurity as well as co-occurring mental health and chemical dependency. We will be partnering with the parish on this service opportunity. Please pick up a green bag from the the church vestibule 7:30 am-2:00 pm during the week, or at Sunday Mass. You can then fill the bag with items to be **donated on March 17th**. Thank you for supporting these neighbors in need!

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, **we will have our Unit 9 Test on Adding & Subtracting Fractions on Monday, March 6th.** We've 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. We will begin our next unit Multiplying Fractions. In this new unit (unit 10), 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 continue our unit on Geometry and will have our first test in our unit on Geometry. **The test will be on Monday, March 6th.** We will begin working on Volumes and Surface areas later this 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 that happens 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.

### **Important Dates THIS week:**

- **Monday** – PE (5B), Library (5A), **Lenten Food Drive begins**
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), & 2 pm Early Dismissal, **Lenten Food Drive continues**
- **Wednesday** – **Wednesday Lenten Mass**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A), **Lenten Food Drive continues**
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), **Jump Rope for Heart Assembly in the Gym, Lenten Food Drive continues**
- **Friday** – **Teacher Inservice Day (No School for students)**

### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- **March 12th** – **Daylight Savings Time begins**
- **March 13th** – **Lenten Reconciliation Service**
- **March 17th** - **MYP Service Day, End of 2nd Trimester**
- **March 22nd** – **5th Grade Exhibition (World Water Day!)**
- **March 24th** – **Report Card Day**
- **March 30th** – **Vision and Hearing Tests**
- **March 31st** – **Free Dress & Fish Fry Drive-Thru Dinner!**