



April 16th, 2023

IB Attribute of the Month: Reflective

Growing Together in Faith!

“A wonderful fact to reflect upon, that every human creature is constituted to be that profound secret and mystery to every other.” - Charles Dickens

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

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 their own Lexile Level. As a class, we will be reviewing reading responses and specific skills that we will use when we begin reading books tied to our new Social Studies unit. **Our Third Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will have new Spelling words this week. Each student is expected to complete at LEAST 3 spelling practices in their spelling notebook PRIOR to their **Spelling Test on Friday, April 21st.**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we return to our research-based argument essay with fresh eyes and fresh enthusiasm. We will review our drafts and identify the gaps in our evidence, return to our sources to mine the most relevant sections for information and quotes, and record our data in our notes. With the evidence at hand, we will then redraft and prepare our arguments for an audience! The research skills from Exhibition are now being stretched as students work to not only understand and present an issue but recognize the persuasive potential of facts from reliable sources. Ask your student about how they see the issue and what evidence they find most convincing!

In **Religion** this week, we continue Unit 4 on “Sacraments, Our Way of Life.” This unit aligns with our celebration of Lent and Easter, starting with the “New Passover,” our foundational understanding of the signs and symbols of the Eucharist in Mass. From there we move into the sacraments of healing and restoration, in Reconciliation, and the Anointing of the Sick. We will also learn more about the meaning of the Resurrection in these 50 days of Easter. As a class, we will be preparing to take the ACRE (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) test. It helps schools, parishes, and diocesan leaders evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in Catholic schools. As an integrated assessment tool, ACRE provides faith knowledge questions and questions related to religious beliefs, attitudes, practices, and perceptions. **Students will be expected to review this information nightly.**

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will continue our unit on Dividing Fractions. In this unit, we will learn how to relate fractions to division, solve problems using division, represent the division of whole numbers by unit fractions, and divide unit fractions by non-zero whole numbers. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we will complete our unit on data, charting, and measures of center. We will start the review and have the test when we return. 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.**

We will continue 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, faith-based communities, and global citizens.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – **Schools resumes**, PE (5B), Library (5A)
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **Mass @ 8:45 am**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Library (5B), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), Library (5A)
- **Friday** – **Free Dress Friday**, Library (5B), Music (5A), Design (both classes)

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Sunday - Sunday, April 22nd → 30th - Book Fair**
- **Thursday & Friday, April 27th & 28th - Student-led Spring Conferences**
- **Friday, May 5th – Mid-trimester reports**
- **Saturday, May 6th – St. Luke Auction**
- **Friday, May 12th – Spring Play**
- **Monday, May 15th – MAP testing window opens**
- **Wednesday → Friday, May 17th → 19th – 6th & 7th grades go to Camp Hamilton**
- **Tuesday, May 23rd – Battle of the Books**
- **Thursday, May 25th – Spring Concert**
- **Friday, May 26th – Non-Uniform Day & Progress Reports**