



April 2nd, 2023

IB Attribute of the Month: Reflective

Growing Together in Faith!

“Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force.” - Pope Francis

We are heading into Holy Week! Here’s where we’re headed this week in the classroom:

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, members of faith-based communities, and 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 NOT have the new Spelling words this week. Spelling will resume after Spring Break.

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we move deeper into our “chocolate milk debate”! Having flash-drafted a quick version of the argument, we now consider the strategies that good writers use to state well-reasoned claims. We will be conducting research and identifying evidence to build the argument and then examining the power of relevant quotations. From there, we return to our drafts to incorporate our new evidence and new thinking! This unit builds on all the writing techniques from our Narrative and Informational Writing units but challenges students to read and write at a deeper level. As we move deeper into understanding the mechanics of this “research-based argument,” we will see that arguing on paper can be fun and satisfying (even if we don’t always win the argument!).

In **Religion** this week we focus on the Lenten virtue of *forgiveness* and we will learn more about *St. Margaret of Castello*. We are building on our weekly experience of prayer in Mass by inquiring into the symbols and signs of the liturgy and the Eucharist. As we move through Holy Week we will reflect on the Lenten journey and these most significant celebrations of the Christian year in Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Our week concludes on Friday with the Stations of the Cross devotion, presented for us by the 8th-grade students. All are encouraged to discuss these topics at home in the context of your family's own spiritual traditions, as a time of reflection and renewal!

This week in **Math** with *Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz*, we will begin our unit Dividing Fractions. In this unit, we will learn how to relate fractions to division, how to solve problems using division, how to represent division of whole numbers by unit fractions, and how to divide unit fractions by non-zero whole numbers. In **Math** with *Mr. Carson*, we are in the middle of our unit on data, charting, and measures of center. We will do extra practice for this unit before spring break and do the review and 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.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday – Holy Week begins**, 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 – Triduum begins with Holy Thursday**, Music (5B), PE (5A), Spanish (5B), Library (5A)
- **Friday – Good Friday**, Library (5B), Music (5A), Design (5B), **Stations of the Cross presented by the eighth grade to grade bands in the church, students will be dismissed in SILENCE, Easter Holiday begins!** (School resumes on Monday, April 17th)

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **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 – Student-led Spring Conferences**