



April 23rd, 2023

IB Attribute of the Month: Reflective

### Growing Together in Faith!

*“What you do today can improve all your tomorrows.” - Ralph Marston*

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

This week in **Writing** with *Mr. Scholz*, we prepare our “chocolate milk debate” persuasive letters for delivery. Before we get there, we have one more opportunity to revise, ensuring that we have balanced our evidence with our analysis (like a layer cake: just the right ratio of cake to frosting!) We are using our persuasive writing checklist to self-assess as we go, so we are all well-acquainted with the grading rubric for this unit's graded assignments. We will also be continuing to build up our repertoire of writing techniques in Grammar, as we follow up last week's word choice practice (analogies using synonyms/antonyms). This week we consider the importance of similes and metaphors, reinforcing the work done in Reading class.

In **Religion** this week, we will continue to review for 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. It also allows us as teachers to review key concepts from earlier in the year! 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. We will be taking the ACRE test on Wednesday!**

This week in **Math** with *Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz*, we will wrap up 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. **Our Unit 11 Test will be on Monday, May 1st.** In **Math** with *Mr. Carson*, we will have **our test on data, charting, and measures of center Wednesday this week.** We will then begin a unit in Pre-Algebra on proportions and proportional relationships. 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.**

We will continue our new **Social Studies** unit this week “Liberties come with Responsibilities.” The students are back in their Discovery simulation groups as we 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.

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 continue reviewing reading responses and specific skills that we will use when we begin reading books tied to our Social Studies unit. **Our Third Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will NOT have new Spelling words this week due to student-led conferences on Thursday & Friday.

**Important Dates THIS week:**

- **Monday** – PE (5B), Library (5A), **Book Fair**
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Library (both classes), & 2 pm Early Dismissal, **Book Fair**
- **Wednesday** – **Mass @ 8:45 am**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Spanish (5A), **ACRE Test (both classes)**, & **Book Fair**
- **Thursday** – **Spring Student-led Conferences & Book Fair**
- **Friday** – **Spring Student-led Conferences & Book Fair**

**Upcoming Important Dates:**

- **Friday, May 5th** – **Mid-trimester (reviewed at Conferences)**
- **Saturday, May 6th** – **St. Luke Auction**
- **May 8th → 12th** – **Olympic Week (spirit week, details will be coming soon) & Staff Appreciation week**
- **Tuesday, May 9th** – **Battle of the Books (5th grade: 9:00 am) - Please join us if you can**
- **Friday, May 12th** – **Spring Play**
- **Monday, May 15th** – **MAP testing window opens**
- **Wednesday → Friday, May 17th → 19th** – **6th & 7th grades go to Camp Hamilton**
- **Thursday, May 25th** – **Spring Concert**
- **Friday, May 26th** – **Non-Uniform Day & Progress Reports**