



April 30th, 2023

IB Attributes of the month(s): Reflective/Thinker

Growing Together in Faith!

“Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth.” - Pope St. John Paul II

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

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 (Penance/Confession), and the Anointing of the Sick. We will also learn more about the meaning of the Resurrection in these 50 days of Easter.

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, **our unit 11 Test on Dividing Fractions will be on Monday, May 1st.** In this unit, we have learned how to relate fractions to division, how to solve problems using division, how to represent the division of whole numbers by unit fractions, and how to divide unit fractions by non-zero whole numbers. We will begin our next unit on Volume this week. In this unit, students will learn how to measure the space inside rectangular prisms, determining this attribute by multiplying layers of unit cubes. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we will begin an advanced unit on Proportions and Ratios. This will be similar to the unit at the beginning of the year but will incorporate more pre-algebra. 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. **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 have new Spelling words this week. **Each student is expected to practice their Spelling words at LEAST 3 times in their Spelling Notebooks PRIOR to the Spelling Test on Friday, May 5th!**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we will prepare to submit our final “chocolate milk debate” persuasive letters. Last week we reviewed our revised drafts with teacher feedback, peer feedback, and our own “thought prompts” checklist. As we transcribe and format our letters, we are ensuring that every paragraph has a clear reason that supports our claim, backed up by evidence! This is one of our major assignments in this trimester’s Writing grade, so we will be reviewing the final draft for completeness and accuracy, supported by our understanding of the rubric. As briefly mentioned last week, there will be an in-class debate on this topic in May!

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – **Marian Mass @ 9:30 am**, PE (5B), Library (5A)
- **Tuesday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – PE (5B), Music (5A), Library (5B), & Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Library (5A), & Spanish (5B)
- **Friday** – Library (5B), Music (5A), Design (both classes)

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **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 at 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**