



May 14th, 2023

IB Attribute of the month: Thinker

Growing Together in Faith!

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.

Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.” - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

This week, we will begin our **Science** unit, “Chemical Magic.” In this unit, students investigate the properties of matter by dissolving everyday chemicals to make solutions and by exploring simple yet surprising chemical reactions. Through these investigations, students begin to build conceptual models for the particulate nature of matter.

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 begin reading books tied to our Social Studies unit. **Our Third Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will have NOT new Spelling words this week due to MAP Testing.

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we will have the highly-anticipated live “chocolate milk debate.” In three separate pairings, two teams of three will apply all their research and preparation to deliver an opening statement, rebut the opposition's claims, address criticisms of their own proposal, and end with an incisive closing statement. The most clear, cogent, and persuasive team will win, as scored by the audience. We will then reflect on the persuasive writing skills we used well, and those that will need to be improved for the rest of the unit, when we get to research new and challenging topics.

In **Religion** this week, we continue with our new unit, “Morality, Our Lived Faith.” We are bringing the application of our knowledge from all our other units together here, recognizing the new life we have in Jesus. In our new life we are called to be like Jesus, to make good choices, and to act with love and kindness toward our neighbors. We will also be reviewing the Easter season as we conclude the festive 50 days with the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will continue our unit on Measurement & Data. In this unit students will learn how to convert customary & metric units, how to solve multi-step problems using measurement units, how to represent measurement data on a line plot, & how to solve multi-step problems involving measurement data on line plots. We will wrap up the week with a review of this unit and will have our Math test next week. In **Math** with Mr. Carson, we will wrap up our unit on Proportions and Ratios. Last week explored the relationship proportions have to the Slope of a line. 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** – **MAP Testing (Reading), Second Round of Battle of the Books (5th Grade)**, PE (5B), Library (5A)
- **Tuesday** – **MAP Testing (Math)**, Music (5B), PE (5A) & 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **Mass @ 8:45 am, MAP Testing (Language)**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Library (5B), & Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Library (5A), & Spanish (5B)
- **Friday** – **Non-Uniform Day**, Library (5B), Music (5A), Design (both classes)

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Thursday, May 25th – Spring Concert**
- **Friday, May 26th – Fundraising Day Off**
- **Wednesday, May 31st - 5th Grade Garden Time**