



May 21st, 2023

IB Attribute of the month: Thinker

Growing Together in Faith!

“Work hard for what you want because it won't come to you without a fight. You have to be strong and courageous and know that you can do anything you put your mind to. If somebody puts you down or criticizes you, just keep on believing in yourself and turn it into something positive.” - Leah LaBelle

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

In **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, each student is expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of independent reading as a nightly practice. As a class, we will continue reading books about the American Revolution. **Each student is expected to do their daily reading and come to class with one vocabulary word, one favorite quote (Golden Line), and one question for the Book Group EVERY DAY!** When we finish these books we will take AR Tests on them and review important vocabulary from all of the texts. **Our Third Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will have new Spelling words the next two weeks. **Each student is expected to complete at LEAST 6 Spelling Practices PRIOR to the Test on Thursday, June 2nd!**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we will have our third and final group for our chocolate milk debate. We will then reflect on the experience of this debate, and move into our new persuasive topics! Students will rank their preference of topic and side (affirmative/negative) from a short list of topics. Once assigned to a debate side of the topic, we will begin research for the **final debate and the final paper (due Wednesday, June 7th)**. This requires students to bring together many of their skills from the year, as they research reliable facts, track their sources in MyBib for their Works Cited, and build a clear, logical structure for their claim. Now that students have experienced the thrill of formal debating, I'm excited to see them rise to this challenge!

In **Religion** this week, we continue with our current unit, “Morality, Our Lived Faith.” The new life we have in Christ gives us the strength to make good choices for ourselves and others, linking with our IB theme, “Liberties come with responsibilities.” Fr. Brad will be coming to speak about this topic during the unit as well! As Christians, we believe that we have received new life through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection which we have been celebrating through the Easter season. This week our lesson focuses on the meaning of these days, as we approach Pentecost next Sunday, concluding the festive 50 days with the descent of the Holy Spirit. **Just a reminder that all community service hours are due Friday, June 2nd!** Each student will also be writing a reflection on their community service in Toddle.

This week in **Math** with *Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz*, we will review our unit on Measurement & Data. In this unit, students have learned 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 have our Unit 12 Math on Tuesday, May 23rd.** After the test, we will begin our unit on Geometry. In this unit the students will learn how to use a coordinate plane, plot ordered pairs, represent problems on a coordinate plane, classify triangles by properties, the properties of quadrilaterals, and how to classify quadrilaterals by properties. In **Math** with *Mr. Carson*, we will wrap up our unit on Proportions and Ratios. We have started the review and will have a test on Proportions, Ratios, and Slope Thursday in the coming week. 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.**

This week, we will continue 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.

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE (5B), Library (5A)
- **Tuesday** – **Bakamis/Scholz Math Test**, Music (5B), PE (5A) & 2 pm Early Dismissal, **Final Parents’ Club meeting via ZOOM**
- **Wednesday** – **Mass @ 8:45 am**, PE (5B), Music (5A), Library (5B), & Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), PE (5A), Library (5A), & Spanish (5B), **Spring Concert (please be in your Homeroom at 6 pm SHARP!)**
- **Friday** – **No School! Fund-raising day off**

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, May 29th - No School (Memorial Day)**
- **Wednesday, May 31st - 5th Grade Garden Time**
- **Friday, June 2nd - Spelling Test!**