



May 28th, 2023

IB Attributes of the month(s): Thinker & Communicator

Growing Together in Faith!

“We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” - Thomas Jefferson

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

This week in **Writing** with *Mr. Scholz*, we press forward with our new debate topics. We begin with researching both sides of the issue, so we understand the evidence and the argument thoroughly. From there, we will consider what makes a strong rebuttal, write our claim statements, and “flash draft” so we are ready for the final paper next week! The debate will be the last week of school, bringing together everything we know about supporting claims with reasons to persuade the audience. The first round was great and these new topics should be a lot of fun as we close out the year.

In **Religion** this week, we continue with our current unit, “Morality, Our Lived Faith.” This week in Religion, we continue our unit on Morality with a focus on the importance of respecting others and ourselves. This links with our IB attribute “principled,” recognizing that rules are not meant to constrain but to lead us to deeper respect. We are also considering in this unit how we use our freedom in ways that are healthy and responsible, continuing our IB theme “Liberties come with Responsibilities.” We will also have Fr. Brad visit the classroom to help us reflect more deeply on this crucial topic as students look ahead to their MYP experience. **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 continue 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. Our Unit 13 Math Test will take place early next week. 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 wrap up our **Science** unit, “Chemical Magic.” In this unit, students have investigated the properties of matter by dissolving everyday chemicals to make solutions and by exploring simple yet surprising chemical reactions. Through these investigations, students began to build conceptual models for the particulate nature of matter. We will begin our new unit “Spaceship Earth”, in this unit students will explore the Earth, Sun, Moon, and stars using observations of shadows and changing patterns in the sky. Students will also explore the planets of our Solar System and begin to consider what might lie beyond.

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 finish reading books about the American Revolution. Once each book group has finished their book, they will take the corresponding AR Test on it. **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!** As a class, we will review important vocabulary from all of the texts. **Our Third Trimester AR goal is 15 points!** Students will continue with their Spelling words from last week. **Each student is expected to complete at LEAST 6 Spelling Practices PRIOR to the Test on Friday, June 2nd!**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday – No School (Memorial Day)**
- **Tuesday – Music (5B), PE (5A) & 2 pm Early Dismissal**
- **Wednesday – Mass @ 8:45 am, 5th Grade Garden Time,** PE (5B), Music (5A), Library (5B), & Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday – Music (5B), PE (5A), Library (5A), & Spanish (5B)**
- **Friday – Spelling Test!**, Music (5A), Library (5B), Design (both classes)

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Monday, June 5th – 8th-grade retreat at the Palisades Retreat Center**
- **Wednesday, June 7th & 8th – Community service project presentations**
- **Friday, June 9th – 6th & 7th advisories last service day, 8th-grade “Fun” day, and 8th-grade vs. Staff Kickball Game!! (2:00 PM upper field)**
- **Monday, June 12th – 9:30 AM Baccalaureate Mass followed by brunch in the auditorium, 7:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation (All staff invited!)**
- **Tuesday, June 13th – 7th grade retreat**
- **Thursday, June 15th – Field Day & Moving up assembly —> Noon dismissal**
- **Friday, June 16th – Last day of school!, 9:30 AM End of Year Mass followed by dismissal**
- **Tuesday, September 5th – Meet and Greet Day**
- **Wednesday, September 6th – First Full Day of School**