



September 17th, 2023

“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”

“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.

Kindness in giving creates love.” - Lao Tzu

Happy first full week of school! We have enjoyed settling into our classes this week and learning our new schedule. Next week is packed with MAP testing and engaging learning experiences. Here’s where we’re headed:

In **Writing** *with Mr. Scholz*, we will build on our work from last week, with conjunctions in Grammar and new strategies in Writing. Knowing how to use conjunctions allows us to link our phrases, conveying meaning effectively! Our exploration of narrative writing continues, having started our “small moment story” toolkit with First/Last Times and Locations. Upcoming lessons will practice techniques based on inspiration from great authors, emotional details, and narrator point of view.

This week in **Science** we continue our first unit on how organic matter cycles through our living world, in systems of interdependent parts. The exploration builds understanding of the way living things create an “ecosystem,” with each part dependent on the others. Our IB key concepts of *change* and *connection* are particularly relevant for these lessons.

In **Religion** this week, our inquiry centers on “God, Our Creator and Father.” In this unit, we will learn about how God creates us, how God saves us, God’s Revelation, how God directs our lives, and how we celebrate Ordinary Time. We started with God’s love for creation and our call to reflect this love in our own stewardship. Next, we explore humanity’s creation, fall, and redemption through God’s actions in “salvation history,” from Abraham to Moses and ultimately to Jesus. We encourage you and your students to discuss these rich topics as a family!

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakannis & Mr. Scholz, we will continue our first unit entitled "Place Value and Number Relationships." Students are practicing how to generalize place value, extend place value to decimals, read & write decimals, compare decimals, & use place value to round decimals. Mr. Carson will be continuing as our math coach providing support and challenge for our rotating small groups. **Our weekly ALEKS expectation is that each student completes at LEAST 5 topics (& at LEAST 45 minutes) by Sunday night.**

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakannis, we will continue to focus on our comprehension skills. We will begin our Spelling practices this week. Each student is expected to practice their spelling words at LEAST 3 times in their Spelling Notebook prior to our test. As a nightly practice, each student will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading. **Our first trimester AR goal is 15 points!**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – **MAP testing for 5th grade**, PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B), **MYP Curriculum Night at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**
- **Tuesday** – **MAP testing for 5th grade**, Vaccine clinic from 9:30 am – 10:30 am, Music (5A), Spanish (5B), 2 pm Early Dismissal, & **PYP Curriculum Night at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**
- **Wednesday** – **MAP testing for 5th grade**, **Mass (dress uniforms)**, Library & PE (both classes), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – **MAP testing for 5th grade**, Music (5B) & Spanish (5A)
- **Friday** – Student Council Elections, **Spelling Test & Practices due**, Music (both classes)

Upcoming Dates:

Safe Environment Training (Online now) → Needs to be completed prior to Camp Seymour
Wednesday, September 27th - 5th Grade Camp Meeting (6 pm - 7 pm) in the St. Luke auditorium
Friday, September 29th - Non-uniform day!
Friday, October 13th - No school for Staff In-service Day
Tuesday, October 17th - St. Luke-A-Thon!
Wednesday, October 18th - Feast of St. Luke Mass
Thursday, October 19th - Great WA State Shake-Out Earthquake Drill
Friday, October 20th - Mid-trimester reports
Tuesday - Friday, October 24th – 27th - Grade 5 goes to camp!