



October 15th, 2023

Attributes of the month: Caring & Balanced

“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”

“For nothing will be impossible for God.” (Luke 1:37)

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

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakannis, we will focus on our comprehension skills. Each student will meet have a chance to set reading goals for the rest of the trimester. We will also go over directions for our first book report. **Our Fall Book Report is due Tuesday, November 17th, 2023.** We will also continue our differentiated Spelling practices this week. **Each student is expected to practice their spelling words at LEAST 5 times in their Spelling Notebook prior to our test on Friday, October 20th.** As a nightly practice, each student will be expected to complete at LEAST 30 minutes of reading of a book of their choice. **Our first trimester AR goal is 15 points!**

In **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we are approaching the next milestone for Narrative Writing. Our first complete “Small Moment Story” assignment will be due on Monday, 10/23 before we head to camp! This week, we will review the strategies we have learned and work on an ending for our current story, using a checklist to guide our final revisions. There is a lot to consider here but also so much growth! This draft will be primarily revised during class time, but please ask your student to share with you what they have learned and review their work with them before the final assignment. Explaining our ideas verbally strengthens and reinforces our written work. This is a major benefit of peer conversation feedback but it works at home too!

This week in **Science** our lessons conclude this unit on the systems of interdependent parts that make up our living world. Our IB key concepts of *change* and *connection* are particularly relevant to this unit. Students will have an opportunity to apply their understanding of ecosystems very soon in Camp Seymour’s Environmental Education activities! We will be checking in with each family to see how the students have made meaning and transferred their knowledge on this unit prior to student-led conferences later in November.

In **Religion** this week, we move through “God Directs Our Lives,” with an emphasis on humility as seen in the “Beatitudes.” We also now consider the seven sacraments as experienced during the season of Ordinary Time. This unit has focused on God the Father, and our next unit shifts the focus toward the Son and the Holy Spirit to complete the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons. Please

share with your student how your own family approaches these big topics, so they can continue to develop both a personal and communal understanding of faith perspectives!

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakanis & Mr. Scholz, we will finish our unit on adding and subtracting decimals! We will have the **Unit 4 Test on the Monday, October 16th**. We will begin our new unit on Multiplying Multi-Digit Numbers. 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.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B), **Unit 4 Math Test**
- **Tuesday** – Music (5A), Spanish (5B), **St. Luke-A-Thon! Students should wear their St. Luke spirit shirts,** 2 pm Early Dismissal
- **Wednesday** – **Feast of St. Luke Mass, Mass (dress uniforms),** Library & PE (both classes), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – **Great WA State Shake-Out Earthquake Drill,** Music (5B) & Spanish (5A)
- **Friday** – Music (both classes), **Mid-trimester reports (please check Toddle)**

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday - Friday, October 24th – 27th - Grade 5 goes to camp! (We will try to participate in Spirit Week while we are there!)

Monday, October 30th - 5th Grade Halloween Celebration

Tuesday, October 31st – Trunk-or-Treat (Costumes may be worn to school)

Wednesday, November 1st – All Saints Day (All school Mass)

Thursday, November 2nd – Class photos and picture retakes