



October 29th, 2023

Attributes of the month: Caring, Balanced, & Inquirer

“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”

“One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.” - William Shakespeare

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

This week in **Science** we will be concluding our unit on how organic matter cycles through the living world in systems of interdependent parts. We will summarize how plants, animals, and fungi form a system of interdependent parts, with each element dependent on the others for its material nourishment. Camp Seymour provided us with excellent hands-on examples! Students will also be considering their scientific learning and application of knowledge for student-led conferences at the end of November.

In **Religion** this week, we are wrapping up our lesson on Ordinary Time and God’s love as shown in the signs of sacraments and sacramentals. After this first unit focused on God the Father, we will focus on the Second and Third Person of the Trinity, the Son and Holy Spirit. We had an awesome experience of Mass at the “Chapel in the Woods” at Camp Seymour which we will be discussing in connection with our faith experience at school. **We will also be writing at least 3 journal entries (5 sentences each) in our Camp Seymour journals.** This is an important opportunity to reflect on this amazing experience! **Journal reflections are due on Friday, November 10th, 2023!**

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will continue our new unit on Multiplying Multi-Digit Numbers. In this unit, we will learn how to understand powers & exponents, find patterns when multiplying whole numbers by powers of ten, estimate products of multi-digit factors, use area models to multiply multi-digit factors, use partial products to multiply multi-digit factors, relate partial products of an algorithm, and multiply multi-digit factors fluently.

Mr. Carson will continue 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 (due November 5th).**

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, with Ms. Bakamis, students will continue reading books and articles on their chosen ecosystem. This supports their **ecosystems project in Library due November 1st**. They will also be turning in a **Book Report due on November 17th, 2023**. This book should be something they've finished since we started school and should be within their current Lexile Level. It is also expected that they take an AR Quiz on this book. **Our first trimester AR goal is 15 points!** We will have new Spelling to practice this week! **Each student is expected to have practiced their spelling words at LEAST three times and will turn in their Spelling Notebook before their test on Friday, November 3rd. We will have our Spelling Test on Friday, November 3rd.** We will also be giving out the Spelling Bee Word Lists for your students to begin practicing for the Classroom Spelling Bee in late January and the School Spelling Bee on February 22nd!

In **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we will be turning in **our final narrative drafts! These are due on Tuesday, October 31st**. Please review the rubric with your student (via Toddle assignment) and discuss it before submitting. We then move to a second narrative story, as we draw inspiration from the examples of accomplished authors and create a personal narrative through the whole process in just a few weeks. We will also be returning to our Grammar work, using our interactive notebook and MobyMax tool to review our complete understanding of verb tenses (Simple, Progressive, Perfect). This is a practical skill as we help our audience follow narrative stories that integrate time jumps between past, present, and future!

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B), **5th Grade Halloween Celebration (save costumes for tomorrow)**
- **Tuesday** – Music (5A), Spanish (5B), **Trunk-or-Treat (Costumes may be worn to school)**
- **Wednesday** – **All Saints Day** (All school Mass), **Library Ecosystems Report due**, PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B) & Spanish (5A)
- **Friday** – Music (both classes)

Upcoming Dates:

- *Saturday, November 4th - BINGO Bash (please see email for more details)*
- *Tuesday, November 7th – Bowling with Boyle & 8th grade CPR training by the Shoreline Fire Department Staff (during afternoon PE class)*
- *Thursday, November 9th – Veterans' Day Assembly*
- **Friday, November 10th – Veterans' Day Holiday (No School)**
- *Monday, November 13th – 27th Book Fair*
- *Tuesday, November 14th – Bowling with Boyle*
- *Friday, November 17th – Non-Uniform Day & MYP Service day (7th & 8th grades)*
- **Monday - Wednesday, November 20th 22nd – Student-led Conferences (attend only your scheduled conference time)**
- **Thursday, November 23rd – 26th – Thanksgiving Break (No School)**
- **Friday, December 1st – End of First Trimester & Figgy Pudding**
- *Sunday, December 3rd – First Sunday of Advent*
- *Monday, December 4th – Start of Second Trimester*
- **Friday, December 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception & 1st-trimester report cards ready for family view on Toddle**