



November 12th, 2023

Attribute of the month: Inquirer

“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”

“Military veterans and the sacrifices they have made for our country carry a status we all should appreciate and honor.” - Reggie Miller

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

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, we will have our **Unit 5** test on Multiplying Multi-Digit Numbers **on Monday, November 13th**. Next, we move on to Unit 6, “Multiplying Decimals.” In this unit we will build on our understanding of place value to identify patterns when multiplying decimals by powers of ten, and continue exploring how to estimate products of decimals, represent multiplication of decimals, use area models to multiply decimals, and explain multiple strategies to multiply decimals. **Our weekly ALEKS expectation is that each student completes a minimum of 5 topics AND 45 minutes by Sunday night (due November 19th).**

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, students will finish their **Ecosystems project in Library by November 13th**. They will also turn 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 (or within 100 points). It is also expected that they also take an AR Quiz on this book. **Our first trimester AR goal is 15 points by December 1st!** We will have new Spelling to practice for the next two weeks! **Each student is expected to have practiced their spelling words at LEAST five times and will turn in their Spelling Notebook before their Weekly Spelling test on Friday, November 17th.** We have also sent out via Toddle Announcement 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 are working on completing our new “small moment stories” in just a few days! **The final draft is due on Friday, 11/17 before conferences.** We looked at the importance of building tension last week with our mentor text of Cisneros’ *Eleven*, and now we will apply the lessons of strong metaphors, character arcs, and the power of punctuation! Because students will be focused on typing, revising, and editing their drafts we will not have a new grammar lesson this week. Please have a conversation with your student about their story and encourage them to read it

aloud for you before turning it in. Hearing our own writing and receiving feedback on strength and a question can be a huge help in crafting the best version of our stories!

This week we will dive into our **Social Studies** unit, learning about the early European colonists who emigrated to North America. Our central idea is “Diverse beliefs and values motivate people to leave home..” In this unit, students will experience a simulation activity that challenges them to apply geography, math, and group social skills in sailing to the “New World” and establishing a colony. These historical experiences help us to better understand the perspectives that shaped the development of the American colonies and our country!

In **Religion** this week, we continue our second unit which focuses on the work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We started by considering Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the saving action of Christ’s death and resurrection, and the new life we receive through the sacrament of Baptism. Building on the understanding of the Church’s mission to pass on Christ’s teachings and preach reconciliation, we next look at the work of the Holy Spirit, and the importance of the sacrament of Confirmation. For this week, please also note that *Camp Seymour journals are due on Monday, November 13th (at least 3 journal entries ½ a page or 5 sentences each).*

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday – Camp Seymour Journal due**, PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B), **Unit 5 Math Test, Book Fair begins (until 11/27)**
- **Tuesday – Music (5A), Spanish (5B), Bowling with Boyle, Book Fair continues (until 11/27)**
- **Wednesday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A), Book Fair continues (until 11/27)**
- **Thursday – Music (5B) & Spanish (5A), Book Fair continues (until 11/27)**
- **Friday – Spelling practices & assessment**, Music (both classes), **Book Fair continues (until 11/27)**

Upcoming Dates:

- *Monday, November 13th – 27th – Book Fair*
- *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 choir event**
- *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**