



February 18th, 2024

Monthly IB Attribute: Open-Minded

“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”

“The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.” - Abraham Lincoln

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

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamnis, will continue to work on their comprehension and vocabulary skills as we read the novel *A Long Walk to Water*. This week, Ms. Bakamnis will check our previous progress on these comprehension packets and we will begin reading Chapters 13, 14, and 15 and completing the corresponding comprehension activities. **Chapters 13, 14, & 15 comprehension packets are due Monday February 26th!** At this point in the trimester each student should have earned at least 8 AR points to be on track to reach **our second trimester AR goal is 15 points!** As a nightly practice, students are expected to read for 30 minutes of a book of their own choice in their current Lexile Level. Students received paper copies of this in class, and there is also an electronic copy posted on Toddle. **The February Book Report is due on Friday, March 1st!** Due to the short week and the Spelling Bee we will NOT have new Spelling Words this week. **School Spelling Bee on February 22nd!**

This week in Writing with Mr. Scholz, we are pushing ourselves towards the next draft of our American Colony research paper! We will use all our notes and revisions from the strategies of geography, thinking/speculation, and timelines to create a new outline and write a more complete flash draft. As we approach the end of this project, we will look for primary sources and consider differing perspectives of those who lived in this era. As a reminder, please check in with your student about their progress as we approach the **due date of their American Colony Report on Friday, March 1st.**

This week in **Science**, we will continue our new unit entitled “Water is essential to life and a limited resource for many.” We have learned about the distribution of water throughout the world, the importance of aquifers, and the amount of salt in the ocean. This week we focus on our Exhibition research, building knowledge and reaching out to experts! Exhibition groups will meet for their third

mentor meeting to discuss next steps and particularly how they will take action to positively impact their issue. **Final exhibition presentations will be on Thursday March 21st, in honor of World Water Day!**

In **Religion**, we continue our third unit entitled "The Church, Our Community in the Spirit." This unit's lessons focus on signs of unity in the Church, Holy Orders, the Domestic Church, and the universal call to holiness in service of God and neighbor. We will continue to build connections to expressing love for others through service, especially in the context of this Lenten season of preparation. Each week during Lent, our school will focus on a new virtue as part of our weekly all-school Mass. This week we focus on the virtue of Faith and St. Jerome. Keep an eye on the parish bulletin/newsletter for art from our classrooms expressing these virtues!

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakannis & Mr. Scholz, assisted by Mr. Carson, we will finish our Unit 9 "Add and Subtract Fractions." In this unit we have solidified our skills on estimating fractions, how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers with unlike denominators, and adding and subtracting mixed numbers with regrouping. It is expected that each student will review their homework with an adult every evening and will be prepared to check their answers the following day with their Math groups. Our Chapter 9 Test will be towards the end of the week. **We continue our usual weekly ALEKS assignment (45 minutes and 5 topics by Sunday evening).**

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – **Presidents' Day Holiday (NO SCHOOL)**
- Tuesday – Music (5A), Spanish (5B), **A Long Walk to Water Packet due (Ch. 10 - 12)**
- Wednesday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A), **Lenten Virtue is Faith (St. Jerome)**
- Thursday – Music (5B) & Spanish (5A), **Spelling Bee**
- Friday – Music (5A & 5B), **Chapter 9 Math Test, Non-Uniform Day**

Important Dates NEXT week:

- *Monday, February 26th - **A Long Walk to Water Packet due (Ch. 13 - 15)***
- *Wednesday, February 28th – **Lenten Virtue for Mass is Reverence (St. Tarcisius)***
- *Friday, March 1st – **February Book Report due, Writing American Colony Report due***