



February 25th, 2024

Monthly IB Attribute(s): Open-Minded & Risk-Taker

**“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”**

*“I like to think of ideas as potential energy. They’re really wonderful, but nothing will happen until we risk putting them into action.” - Mae Jemison*

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

This week in Writing *with Mr. Scholz*, we approach the final draft of this first major Information Writing assignment. **The due date for the American Colony research paper has been moved to Monday, March 4th**, but we will be working hard all week to revise, edit, and proofread our writing. Having created outlines and dug deep to write a solid flash draft, this final week is all about organizing information, using key vocabulary, and filling in the gaps that our audience needs to understand. We will also practice writing introductions and conclusion paragraphs to complete our 5-paragraph essay. The assignment will be posted in Toddle so students can continue typing their draft through the week, please be sure to check in with your student about their paper and have them share the key information about their colony!

This week in **Science**, we will continue our new unit entitled “Water is essential to life and a limited resource for many.” The Mystery Science lesson for the week focuses on the cycle of water through Earth’s surface and atmosphere, to see how factors such as temperature can have a major impact. With Exhibition coming up in just a few weeks, we will also have research time and mentor meetings (as well as a few interviews for some groups). Save the date: **Final exhibition presentations will be on Thursday March 21st, in honor of World Water Day!**

In **Religion**, we continue our tradition of focusing on a new Lenten virtue as part of our weekly all-school Mass. This week we will continue our reflections on the virtue of Reverence and St. Tarcisus. Keep an eye on the parish bulletin/newsletter for art from our classrooms expressing these virtues! We also return to our unit, “The Church, Our Community in the Spirit,” as we look at the different ways believers are called to love of God and neighbor. Though the sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony are particular calls, we all have received the universal call to holiness. In these days of Lent as we strive to listen more to God’s voice, it is a great reminder that the Lord is asking to love and serve those around us, regardless of our age or circumstances! Students are working on a

“Lenten cross” with their acts of prayer, fasting, and giving- by Easter the cross will be filled with colorful reminders of their efforts in this holy season.

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, assisted by Mr. Carson, we will begin our Unit 10 “Multiplying Fractions.” In this unit we will learn how to multiply a whole number by a fraction, multiply a fraction by a fraction, determine the area of rectangles with fractional side lengths, multiply mixed numbers, word problems with fractions. **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. We continue our weekly ALEKS assignment (45 minutes and 5 topics by Sunday evening).**

This week in **Reading & Spelling** with Ms. Bakamis, will continue to work on their comprehension and vocabulary skills as we read the novel A Long Walk to Water. This week, Ms. Bakamis will check our previous progress on these comprehension packets and we will begin reading Chapters 16, 17, and 18 and completing the corresponding comprehension activities. **Chapters 16, 17, & 18 comprehension packets are due Tuesday, March 5th! Each student is also expected to take the AR test on this book by March 10th.** 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!** We will have new Spelling Words this week. **Each student is expected to practice their words at LEAST 3 times in their Spelling Notebook and turn them in PRIOR to the Spelling Test on Friday, March 1st.**

#### Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B), **A Long Walk to Water (Ch. 13 - 15) due**
- Tuesday – Music (5A), Spanish (5B)
- Wednesday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A), **Lenten Virtue is Reverence (St. Tarcisius)**
- Thursday – Music (5B) & Spanish (5A)
- Friday – Music (5A & 5B), **Reading - February Book Report Due, Spelling Test (and 3 practices due)**

#### Important Dates NEXT week:

- **Monday, March 4th – American Colony Writing paper due**
- **Tuesday, March 5th - A Long Walk to Water Ch. 16 - 18 Comprehension Packets due**
- **Friday, March 8th – Teacher inservice day (No School for students)**
- **Sunday, March 10th – Daylight savings time begins, AR Test for A Long Walk to Water needs to be completed**
- **Thursday, March 14th → Saturday, 16th – MYP Musical “The Sound of Music”**
- **Thursday, March 21st – Exhibition by 5th grade groups!**
- **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – End of Second Trimester & MYP Service Day & Fish Fry**
- **Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – Tridium begins with Holy Thursday**
- **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday (Noon dismissal in silence)**
- **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Easter Vigil**
- **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Easter**
- **Monday → Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter holiday & Spring Break**
- **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Return to school & ACRE Test Window Opens**
- **Thursday, April 18th - 2 Battle of the Books need to be completed and AR Tests need to be completed**

