



March 24th, 2024

Monthly IB Attribute: Risk-Taker

“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”

“Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force.” - Pope Francis

Welcome into the 3rd Trimester of 5th grade! Here’s where we’re headed this week in the classroom:

In **Religion**, we focus on the Lenten virtue of **Zeal** and our saint of the week, **St. Dominic de Guzman**. We will continue our reflections on how we can apply this virtue in our daily lives as we conclude Lent this week. As we move through Holy Week we will reflect on the Lenten journey and these most significant celebrations of the Christian year Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Our week concludes on Friday with the Stations of the Cross devotion, presented for us by the 8th-grade students. All are encouraged to discuss these topics at home in the context of your family’s own spiritual traditions, as a time of reflection and renewal!

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, assisted by Mr. Carson, we will wrap up our Unit 11 “Dividing Fractions.” In this unit, we have explored how to relate fractions to division, solve division problems, divide whole numbers by unit fractions, and divide unit fractions by non-zero whole numbers. **Our Unit 11 Test will be on Wednesday, March 27th! 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** with Ms. Bakamis, we will continue to work on our comprehension skills while reading books at their independent reading level. **Our second trimester AR goal is 15 points!** As a nightly practice, students are expected to read for 30 minutes a book of their own choice in their current Lexile Level. **Each student should finish at LEAST two Battle of the Books need to be completed and AR Tests need to be completed by April 8th!** We will not have new Spelling Words this week in honor of Holy Week!

This week in Writing *with Mr. Scholz*, we reflect on Exhibition and launch our new unit! We now shift to Persuasive Writing, focusing on a research-based argument essay. This first section explores the reasons for and against a real-world school issue. After reading critically and considering the different perspectives, we will learn important techniques for assembling evidence and composing convincing arguments! We have now also returned to our grammar lessons, which started on Friday (the MobyMax quiz is due by the end of the week). The lesson, interactive notebook, and MobyMax online quiz will build on and reinforce research and dictionary skills from our Exhibition writing and reading work.

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B)
- Tuesday – Music (5A), Spanish (5B)
- Wednesday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A), **Lenten Virtue is Zeal and our saint of the week is St. Dominic de Guzman, Chapter 11 Math Test**
- **Holy Thursday – Triduum begins, Music (5B), Spanish (5A), Last Supper (connections between Jesus & the Disciples)**
- Good Friday – Stations of the Cross (presented by our 8th graders), limited use of technology (Noon dismissal in silence)

Important Dates NEXT week:

- *Saturday, March 30th – Easter Vigil*
- *Sunday, March 31st – Easter*
- **Monday → Friday, April 1st – 5th - Easter holiday & Spring Break**
- *Monday, April 7th – Return to school & ACRE Test Window Opens*
- **Tuesday, April 8th - 2 Battle of the Books need to be completed and AR Tests need to be completed**
- **Friday, April 12th – Auction Art Preview & Community Night at 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm**
- **Saturday, April 20th – GALA AUCTION!!!**