



March 3, 2024

Monthly IB Attribute: Risk-Taker

“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”

“Living with fear stops us taking risks, and if you don't go out on the branch, you're never going to get the best fruit.” - Sarah Parish

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

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, assisted by Mr. Carson, we will continue our Unit 10 “Multiplying Fractions.” In this unit we next learn to determine the area of rectangles with fractional side lengths, multiply mixed numbers, and work on word problems with fractions. The unit test will be next week after the 3-day weekend. **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, will our progress on our A Long Walk to Water comprehension packets. **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 5th. 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. **Each student should finish at LEAST two Battle of the Books need to be completed and AR Tests need to be completed by April.** We will NOT have new Spelling Words this week.

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, our Exhibition work shifts into high gear! The focus will be working as a class to draft research reports on our selected Exhibition water topic. Students are also scheduling, conducting, and reflecting on their expert interviews. These next three weeks will be an intense but exciting time as research, writing, teamwork and presentation skills all come together to create an awesome project for World Water Day. **Save the date: Thursday, March 21st will be the Exhibition itself!**

This week in **Science**, In Science, we will continue our unit entitled “Water is essential to life and a limited resource for some.” As students continue to focus on assembling their research papers and

presentations, our Mystery Science will help students consider the core scientific principles that help us understand the distribution of water, how it cycles through Earth's systems, and explore how it affects human societies. This is also a great connection with our Lenten virtue of Stewardship as we are entrusted with caring for creation by our Creator!

In **Religion**, we focus on the Lenten virtue of **Stewardship** and our saint of the week, **Blessed John of Fiesole (the famous artist "Fra Angelico"!)** This is an excellent theme for 5th graders as we to grow in the understanding of the many ways we have been blessed with time, talents, and resources. These good things are meant to be shared, honoring God and caring for our brothers and sisters- a key theme for this Lenten season of conversion and renewal! Our Lenten cross activity continues to be a weekly opportunity to consider how we have done in the past week and where we are still being called to cultivate that spirit of generosity, which we read about in our lesson last week from St. Ignatius. We encourage you to discuss as a family how you demonstrate stewardship and where you might be called to grow as well.

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B), **American Colony Writing paper due**
- Tuesday – Music (5A), Spanish (5B), **A Long Walk to Water (Ch. 16 - 18) due & AR Test completed**
- Wednesday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A), **Lenten Virtue is Stewardship (Bl. John of Fiesole "Fra Angelico")**
- Thursday – Music (5B) & Spanish (5A)
- Friday – **Teacher inservice day (No School for students)**

Important Dates NEXT week:

- *Sunday, March 10th – Daylight savings time begins*
- *Thursday, March 14th → Saturday, 16th – MYP Musical "The Sound of Music"*
- **Thursday, March 21st – Exhibition by 5th grade groups!**
- **Friday, March 22nd – End of Second Trimester & MYP Service Day & Fish Fry**
- *Thursday, March 28th – Triduum begins with Holy Thursday*
- *Friday, March 29th – Good Friday (Noon dismissal in silence)*
- *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*
- **Thursday, April 18th - 2 Battle of the Books need to be completed and AR Tests need to be completed**