



April 14th, 2024

Monthly IB Attribute: Reflective

“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”

“Relationships with parents, grandparents, friends, and siblings were important to me when I was young and have remained so throughout my life. Our relationships with other people both shape and reflect who we are. These relationships are infinitely fascinating to explore!” - Sharon Creech

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

This week in **Reading** with Ms. Bakamis, we will continue to work on our comprehension skills while we read texts on the American Revolution at various levels. Students will also be expected to continue reading books within their current Lexile range and take AR tests when they finish each book. **Our second trimester AR goal is 15 points!** As a nightly practice, students are also expected to read for 30 minutes a book of their own choice in their current Lexile Level. We will have new Spelling Words this week (on TUESDAY! **Each student is expected to complete at LEAST 3 Spelling Practices before their Spelling Assessment on Monday, April 22nd!** **They are also working on Book Reports that are due on Tuesday, April 30th!**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we return to our research-based argument essay with renewed enthusiasm! We will review our drafts and identify the gaps in our evidence, return to our sources to mine the most relevant sections for information and quotes, and record our data in our notes. With the evidence at hand, we will then redraft and prepare our arguments for an audience! The research skills from Exhibition are now being stretched as students work to not only understand and present an issue but also recognize the persuasive potential of facts from reliable sources. Ask your students about how they see the issue and what evidence they find most convincing. In Grammar this week we consider stylistic options with a lesson on similes and metaphors!

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, assisted by Mr. Carson, students are working within their new challenge group through units on Volume, then Geometry, and Measurement/Data. This week’s lessons will move through the foundational skills of measuring volume as space inside

rectangular prisms. As always, please reach out to both homeroom teachers with questions or challenges. **Regardless of the math group, we expect that each student will review their homework with an adult nightly 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).**

We will continue our new **Social Studies** unit this week "Liberties come with Responsibilities." In their Discovery simulation groups, students are practicing the skills of collaboration and self-government to learn more about the lives and experiences of the early colonists. By looking at the organization of these micro-societies, students have the opportunity to reflect on their rights and responsibilities as members of their families, members of faith-based communities, and global citizens. This activity will build up to our unit on the American Revolution in the coming weeks.

In **Religion** this week, we continue our third unit entitled "The Church, Our Community in the Spirit." As we learn more about the family as the "Domestic Church" and the call for every Christian to serve God and neighbor in the holiness of life, we are reminded of the mission given at baptism and renewed at Easter. We are also continuing our preparation for the ACRE (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) test to help our principal, pastor, and archbishop evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in Catholic schools. It also allows us as teachers to holistically review the key elements of the curriculum and provide clarification when needed! As an integrated assessment tool, ACRE provides faith knowledge questions and questions related to religious beliefs, attitudes, practices, and perceptions. **Students will be expected to review this information nightly for at least 15 minutes.**

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – **Sport & Jersey Day**, PE & Library (both classes), Design (5A), Spanish (5B)
- Tuesday – **Crazy Hair Day**, Music (5A), Spanish (5B)
- Wednesday – **Crazy Shoe & Hat Day**, PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A)
- Thursday – **Inside Out Day**, Music (5B), Spanish (5A)
- Friday – **Pajama Day**, Design (5B), Music (5A)

Important Dates NEXT week:

- Monday → Tuesday, April 1 – 30th – ACRE Test window for 5th & 8th grade
- Saturday, April 20th – **Non-Uniform Day & Gala Auction!!!**
- Monday → Friday, April 22nd → 26th – **Book Fair**
- Wednesday, April 24th – **Christ the King Parish Staff will join us for 8:45 am Mass**
- Thursday, April 25th – **Student-led Conferences 12 pm - 8 pm (No school)**
- Friday, April 26th – **Student-led Conferences 8 am - 4 pm (No school)**
- Saturday, April 27th – **First Communion (10 am)**
- Monday, April 29th – **MAP testing window opens & Battle of the Books Competition!**
- Tuesday, April 30th – **Principals for the Day (round 2)! Book Report Due**
- Monday → Friday, May 6th - 10th – **5th Grade MAP Testing**
- Wednesday, May 15th – **Marian Mass (please bring flowers)**