



April 7th, 2024

Monthly IB Attribute: Reflective

"Reflecting God's Kindness!"

"I think that all things, in their way, reflect heavenly truth, the imagination not least." - C. S. Lewis

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

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, assisted by Mr. Carson, students will again be working in challenge-balanced small groups, with some curriculum pace/materials diverging further as we move through the third trimester and prepare for the challenges of 6th grade. Our next units will first cover Volume, then Geometry and Measurement/Data. Volume skills focus on measuring the space inside rectangular prisms, determining this attribute by multiplying layers of unit cubes. As always, please reach out to both homeroom teachers with questions or challenges and the math instructional team will be happy to help! **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).**

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 Monday, April 8th!** We will have new Spelling Words this week! **Each student is expected to complete at LEAST 3 Spelling Practices before their Spelling Assessment on Friday, April 12th!**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we dig into our research-based argument essay by applying our foundational skills to writing a flash draft! Students will again stretch themselves to write their draft in a quick and incomplete form, which will then be expanded and changed to provide practice in the crucial skill (and growth mindset) of revision! From there we will consider strategies that good writers use to state well-reasoned claims and return to research that will help build the argument. As we move deeper into the mechanics of the “research-based argument,” we will see that arguing on paper can be fun and satisfying, even if we don’t always “win” the argument. This week we also have a new Grammar lesson to practice efficient techniques for using reference materials!

In **Religion** this week, 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 living out the baptismal promises that were renewed at the Easter celebrations as we continue to reflect on the season during these joyful 50 days! As a class, we will be preparing to take the ACRE (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) test. It helps schools, parishes, and diocesan leaders evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in Catholic schools. 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.

We will begin our new **Social Studies** unit this week “Liberties come with Responsibilities.” The students will again be in Discovery simulation groups and we will learn about the early lives of colonists and how they governed themselves. We will examine how we organize ourselves as a society. Students will reflect on their rights and responsibilities as members of their families, members of faith-based communities, and global citizens.

Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – PE & Library (both classes), Design (5A), Spanish (5B)
- Tuesday – Music (5A), Spanish (5B), **2 Battle of the Books need to be completed and AR Tests need to be completed**
- Wednesday – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A); Families
- Thursday – Music (5B), Spanish (5A)
- Friday – Design (5B), Music (5A), **Auction Art Preview & Community Night at 5 pm - 8:30 pm**

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!**