



April 28th, 2024

Monthly IB Attributes: Reflective & Thinkers

“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”

“Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.” - Pope John XXIII

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

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, assisted by Mr. Carson, we dive into our new topic of Measurement/Data. In this unit, students will learn how to convert customary & metric units, how to solve multi-step problems using measurement units, how to represent measurement data on a line plot, and how to solve multi-step problems involving measurement data on line plots. 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).**

This week, we will continue our **Social Studies** unit “Liberties Come with Responsibilities” by ending our “Discovery” colony simulation and considering what we learned from stepping into the shoes of these European colonists. We will also consider what we learned about the perspectives of this historical era, as we move forward into the people and events of the American Revolution. As we end the year, students will consider the importance of the Declaration of Independence and the American Constitution, drawing connections to our rights and responsibilities as members of families, faith-based communities, and global citizens.

In **Religion** this week, we will conclude our work preparing for the ACRE (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) test, which provides key diagnostic information on the attitudes and knowledge of students in Catholic schools. **We will be taking the ACRE test on Monday, April 29th!** We will then return to Unit 3, “The Church, Our Community in the Spirit,” with

the theme "God Calls Us." We will reflect on how Jesus calls everyone to serve God and others, and Mary is the model of how to respond to God's call. This is an excellent focus for the end of the school year as we look ahead to our service hour reflection assignment in a few weeks!

This week in **Reading** with Ms. Bakamis, we will work on setting specific goals for the end of the year. 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. **They will finish their Book Reports (Lexile level of 750 or higher) due on Tuesday, April 30th!** We will have new Spelling Words this week! **Each student is expected to practice their words at LEAST 3 times before their Spelling Test on Friday, May 3rd!**

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, we will prepare to submit our final **"chocolate milk debate" persuasive letters due on Friday, May 3rd.** Last week we worked through our body paragraphs based on our research and outlines, adding our introductions and conclusions at the end. As we now type and format our letters, we will revise and edit carefully to ensure that every paragraph has a clear reason to support our claim, backed up by evidence! This is one of our major assignments in this trimester's Writing grade, so we will be reviewing the final draft for completeness and accuracy, supported by our understanding of the rubric. Please take some time to review your student's draft and ask them about what they found most intriguing in this persuasive topic!

Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE & Library (both classes), Design (5A), Spanish (5B), **5th-grade ACRE Test, Battle of the Books Competition!**
- **Tuesday** – **Non-Uniform Day**, Music (5A), Spanish (5B), **Book Report Due**
- **Wednesday** – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), Spanish (5A)
- **Friday** – Music (5A & 5B), Design (5B)

Important Dates NEXT week:

- **Monday → Friday, May 6th - 10th - 5th Grade MAP Testing**
- **Sunday, May 12th – Mother's Day**
- **Wednesday, May 15th – Mass in honor of Mother Mary and May crowning, Last Parents' Club mtg. at 7:00 pm via ZOOM**
- **Wednesday, May 22nd – Spring Concert for grades K-5**
- **Friday, May 24th – Fundraising Day Off (No School)**
- **Monday, May 27th – Memorial Day Holiday (No School)**
- **Thursday, June 6th - 8th grade Community service project presentations for families and students**
- **Friday, June 7th - 8th-grade graduation at 7:00 pm**
- **Thursday, June 13th – Field Day & Moving Up Assembly – dismissal at 12:00 pm**
- **Friday, June 14th – Last Mass of the year followed by 10:30 am dismissal**