



May 6th, 2024

Monthly IB Attribute: Thinkers

### **“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”**

*“I think anything is possible if you have the mindset and the will and desire to do it and put the time in.” - Roger Clemens*

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

This week, we will move into a new phase of our **Social Studies** unit, “Liberties come with Responsibilities.” Having concluded the “Discovery” simulation, students will reflect on the experience and their learnings on the colonists. Developing these themes of collaboration and individual strengths, we will next focus on the era of the American Revolution and how we organize ourselves as a society. Students will reflect on their rights and responsibilities as members of their families, faith-based communities, and global citizens, as we move towards the end of the year.

In **Religion** this week, we start a new unit on “Sacraments, Our Way of Life.” Our first lesson begins with an exploration of Passover, the Last Supper, and the Eucharist. From the Eucharist, we then consider the sacraments of Reconciliation/Penance and the Anointing of the Sick. We encourage you to discuss with your student how you and your family have experienced God’s sustaining and healing power!

This week in **Reading** with Ms. Bakamis, we will 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 working on our vocabulary skills. **Due to MAP Testing, we will NOT have new Spelling words this week!**

*A brief note on our Spelling assignments, normally we have Spelling every week, with the week number corresponding directly to the week of the school year. Moving forward, these assignments will be titled “Weekly Spelling Practice & Test Week #Z” (where Z represents the week of the school year). These assignments will be posted in Toddle, with grades updated no later than the following Friday. Each student is expected to practice their Spelling words at least 3 times in their Spelling Notebooks BEFORE their Spelling Test on Fridays (or the day of the test if adjusted). Please reach out to Ms. Bakamis directly for additional questions and clarifications.*

This week in **Writing** with Mr. Scholz, having submitted the final letter drafts, students will now apply their research towards a live debate! The final weeks of Writing class will challenge students to apply their research and persuasive techniques towards more complex topics, but first we will practice our skills in this now-familiar “chocolate milk controversy.” As a group, we will be listening for the clear position statements and researched evidence that form the core of persuasive claims. Most importantly, we will need to communicate our team’s viewpoint within the debate format and craft responses that reflect our listening to the opposing side! These skills will be crucial for the thinking, reflecting, and sharing skills of middle school.

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakanis & Mr. Scholz, assisted by Mr. Carson, we will wrap up our unit on Measurement/Data. **Our Unit 12 Math Test will be later this week.** In this unit, students have learned 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. 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).**

#### Important Dates THIS week:

- Monday – **5th-grade Reading MAP Test**, PE & Library (both classes), Design (5A), Spanish (5B)
- Tuesday – **5th-grade Science MAP Test**, Music (5A), Spanish (5B)
- Wednesday – **5th-grade Math MAP Test**, Mass, PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A)
- Thursday – **5th-grade Language MAP Test**, Music (5B), Spanish (5A)
- Friday – Music (5A & 5B), Design (5B), **Unit 12 Math Test**

#### Important Dates NEXT week:

- *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**