



June 2nd, 2024

Monthly IB Attribute: Communicator

**“Reflecting God’s Kindness!”**

*“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning.” - Benjamin Franklin*

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

This week in **Reading** with Ms. Bakamis, we will finish our historical fiction novels where students will be reading the following books: My Brother Sam is Dead, Johnny Tremain, and The Notorious Benedict Arnold. We will be creating movie posters and a quick synopsis and review of our books as groups. As a nightly practice, students are also expected to read for 30 minutes a book of their own choice in their current Lexile Level. **Our second trimester AR goal is 15 points! We have new Spelling words this week! Our final Spelling Test of the year will be on Friday, June 7th!**

*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 Toodle, with grades updated by 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.*

In **Writing** with Mr. Scholz this week, we approach our persuasive writing unit finale. With the final essay **due by end of day Wednesday, June 5th**, we will complete and review our rough drafts to make sure we have acknowledged and refuted counter-claims. From there we will edit and turn it in! The rest of the week will focus on collaboration with our debate team members as we prepare for the final live debate (wrapping up on Monday/Tuesday). This final section of the unit is not easy due to the variety of topics and the independent research expectations, so we encourage you to have a “practice debate” with your student for the paper and the discussion!

This week in **Math** with Ms. Bakamis & Mr. Scholz, assisted by Mr. Carson, we will wrap up our Unit 14 on Algebraic Thinking. We will be learning how to write, interpret, and evaluate numeric expressions, and relate and graph numerical patterns. We will also learn about the Order of Operations. **Our Unit 14 Test will be on Friday, June 7th. Regardless of the math group, we expect each student to review their homework with an adult nightly and 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 return to our **Science** unit, "Chemical Magic." This unit explores the particulate nature of matter by dissolving everyday chemicals to make solutions and by observing foundational chemical reactions. These are great activities to conclude the year, which students can also replicate at home over the summer!

In **Social Studies**, we continue with our discussions on the connections of the American Revolution to our IB theme, "Liberties come with responsibilities." Having heard from guest speakers on the examples of rights and responsibilities as students, as Christians, and as members of a family, we will now consider how the American colonists articulated and pursued the high ideals of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. This is a particularly timely theme as we send them off toward greater independence in 6th grade, recognizing how this is a constant process of growth for each person and for our nation!

In **Religion** this week, we conclude Unit 4 on "Sacraments, Our Way of Life" by considering how the Anointing of the Sick addresses the holistic needs of the human person, body and spirit! We will then move into our final unit on "Morality, Our Lived Faith," exploring the connection between our daily choices and the call to holiness. With our Christian belief in the power of our "liberties and responsibilities," we will discuss the Church's teachings on our eternal destiny and the crucial role of service as described in the corporal works of mercy. **Just a reminder that all community service hours are due Friday, June 7th!** Each student will also be writing a reflection on their community service in Toddle.

#### Important Dates THIS week:

- **Monday** – PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5B)
- **Tuesday** – Music (5A), Spanish (5B), **Spelling Practices due & Test**
- **Wednesday** – **Mass @ 8:45 am**, PE & Library (both classes), Spanish (5A)
- **Thursday** – Music (5B), Spanish (5A), **8th Grade Community service project presentations for families and student**
- **Friday** – Music (5A & 5B), Design (5B)

#### Important Dates NEXT week:

- **Monday, June 10th - 8th-grade Baccalaureate Mass at 9:30 am, 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**