

Mrs. Weis's Newsletter

January 2021

Dates to remember:

- January 4 - School resumes online
- January 11 - School resumes in person
- January 14 - Spirit Day!
- January 18 - No School: MLK Jr. Day
- January 31 - State of the School Address

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Religion: Unit 3 – Jesus Christ

- Students learn about and discuss qualities that are necessary for a good shepherd, a true leader (i.e., the “anointed” one, Jesus Christ and King David)
- Students come to understand the meaning of *wisdom* as a gift from God and how it helps them understand the purpose and plan for their life. They will learn from the examples of various wise leaders: Solomon and Job.
- Students understand what it is to be a *prophet*, a messenger from God who speaks the truth and calls people to *justice*; there are consequences if we choose not to listen to God's message. They will learn about some of those noteworthy prophets including Elijah and Ezekiel, who foretold a promised *Messiah*.

Grammar:

- Middle School Grammar Program using grammar program GrammarFlip

Art:

- It's a new year of promise and hope! Students will create an Inspirational Splatter Art Poster.
- In honor of MLK, we will create works of art this month that will emphasize the importance of our differences. The themes are diversity and justice.

United States History: Settling a New World

First week, Jan 4-8, online:

- Individual Presentations/Research reports on European Explorers
- Recap of simulation via debriefing questions; review main reasons for Exploration

Remaining weeks, Jan 11-29, in-person:

- Main Idea: Students learn about the main reasons for and patterns of colonization in North America, discover important colonies in each geographic area, and discover the interaction between the European colonists and the native inhabitants in each region.