Elementary: Introducing FACTS LMS

I'm so excited to announce the debut of FACTS LMS (Learning Management System) through the library at our school. The LMS will allow us to connect with students online, distribute materials, collect assignments, facilitate discussions, and assess progress.

It is a private and secure student area that will allow students to connect with other students and teachers online, including accessing class materials, uploading assignments, participating in classroom discussions, and taking quizzes.

Right now, we are only releasing it as a library and technology class connection. This is our "test drive" to see what works and what doesn't, and get it fixed before we try to do bigger things with it. (And we will!)

To do for this lesson:
1. Watch the two videos listed below: the LMS Overview Video and the LMS for Students video.
2. Log in to the St. Mary LMS (instructions below).
3. Enjoy the materials I've left for you!

FACTS has created a short LMS Overview Video to give you an introduction to the system. Click here to watch it at your convenience. The password to access the video is **factslms** (case sensitive).

You can learn about how to log in and use the LMS by watching the LMS for Students video. Click here to watch it at your convenience. The password to access the video is **factslms** (case sensitive).
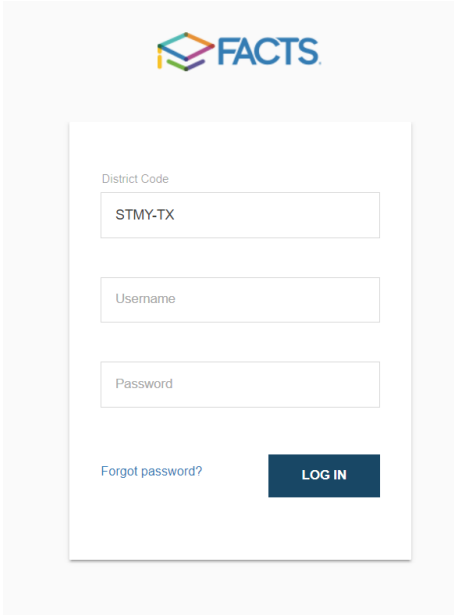
Here's how to access the **LMS**:

1. In Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Internet Explorer go to lms.renweb.com

2. Type the school's **District Code: STMY-TX**

3. Type the student's **Username**. (This is the same username you use to log in to the Family Portal on RenWeb.)

4. Type the student's **Password.**

5. Click **Login**.

   If you are not sure what your username and password are, email me (kpate@stmarylc.org) and I will send it to you. Please do not create your own.
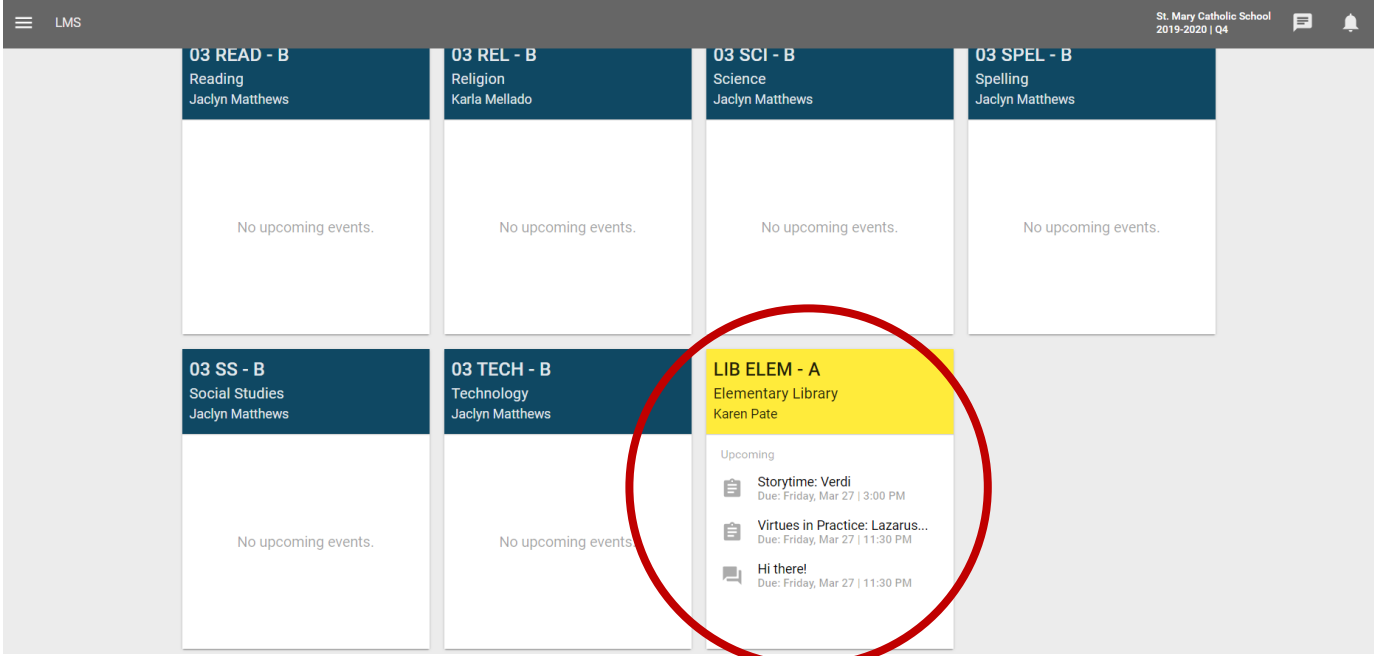

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This is what your login page looks like. (Looks familiar, but it is important to remember that you can only get to LMS by using lms.renweb.com.
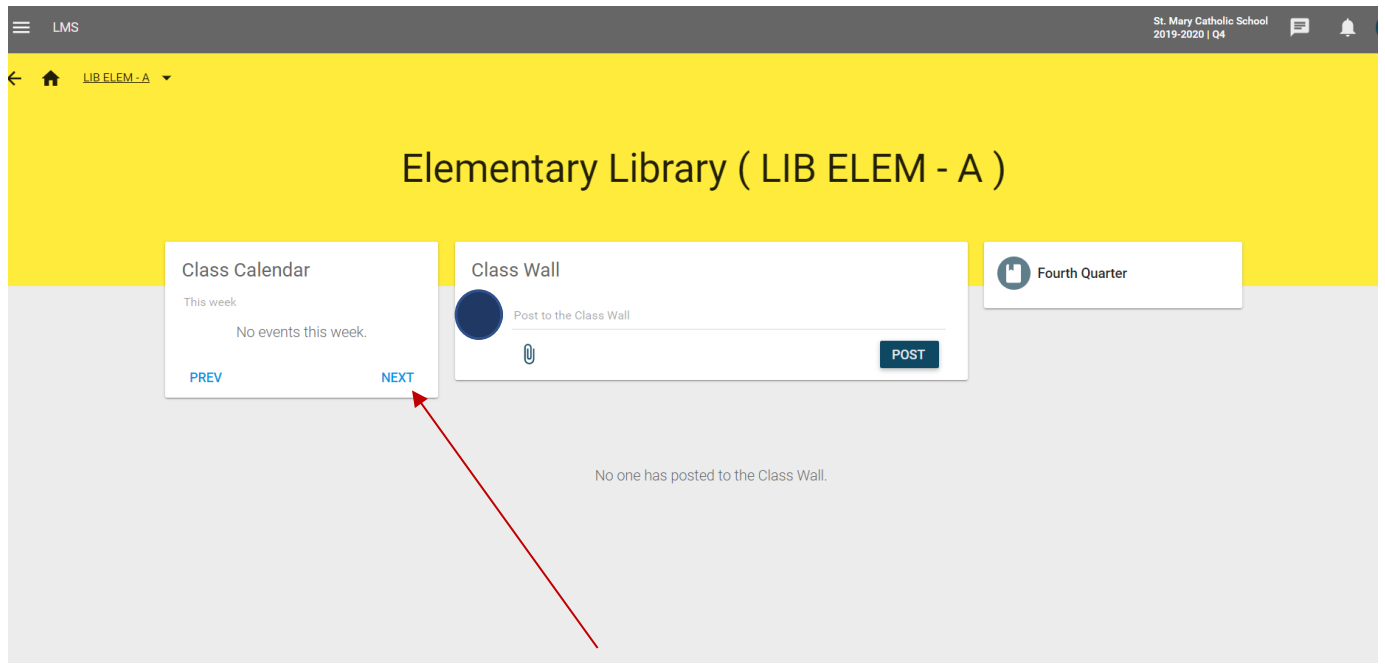

This is what your dashboard looks like. It has a block for each class your child takes. You may have to scroll to the bottom to see the library block: LIB EC-A. Click on the block to open it and see your assignments.
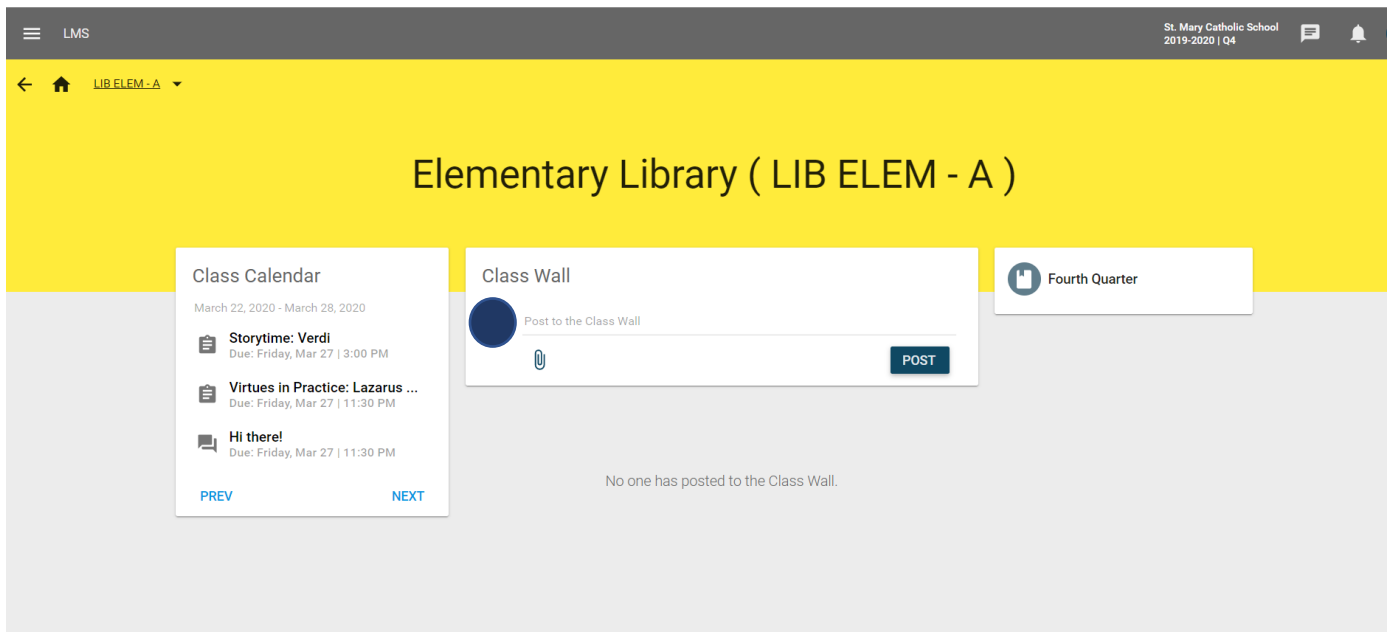
When I took this screenshot, it was Saturday. That's why there's nothing on the class calendar. I don't have anything scheduled until the week of March 23. Here, I'd click on the blue "NEXT" button to move forward and see the correct week.

Now I can see next week's assignments.

There are several ways you can get to these assignments.
1. Point to and click on any of the assignments you see under the Class Calendar.
2. Point to and click on any topics in blue under the Class Wall (none here now).
3. Point to and click on the "Fourth Quarter" unit in the third column (farthest to the right).

Using the Class Calendar links is the easiest way. Here, I've clicked on the "Storytime: Verdi" assignment. There is a video to watch, plus suggestions for how you might interact with your child. Be sure to click on "SHOW MORE" to see some exciting news about Epic!. Click on the white boxes for videos and activities.

To get back to this week's assignments (so you can do the second one), find the breadcrumb trail (watch the instruction video linked above to locate this). Click where it says "Fourth Quarter | Week 2".
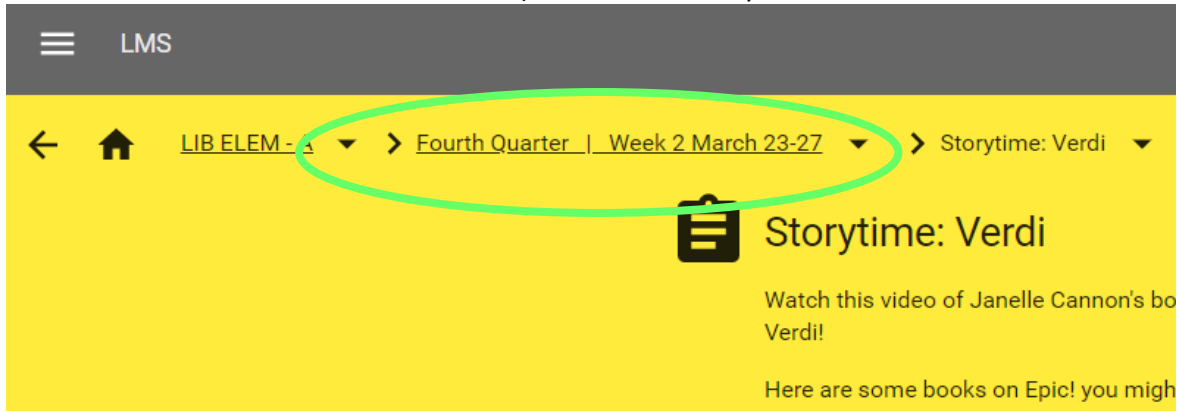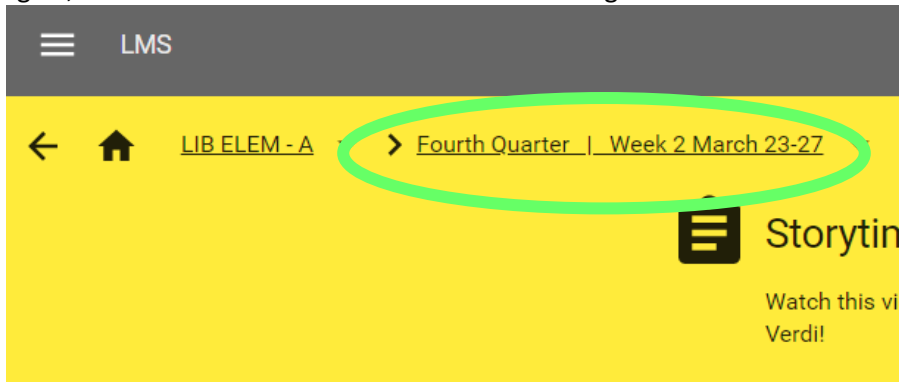

You should be here. Click on "Hi there!" to discover how you can keep in touch with your librarian and classmates. We all want to hear about the GREAT books you're reading!
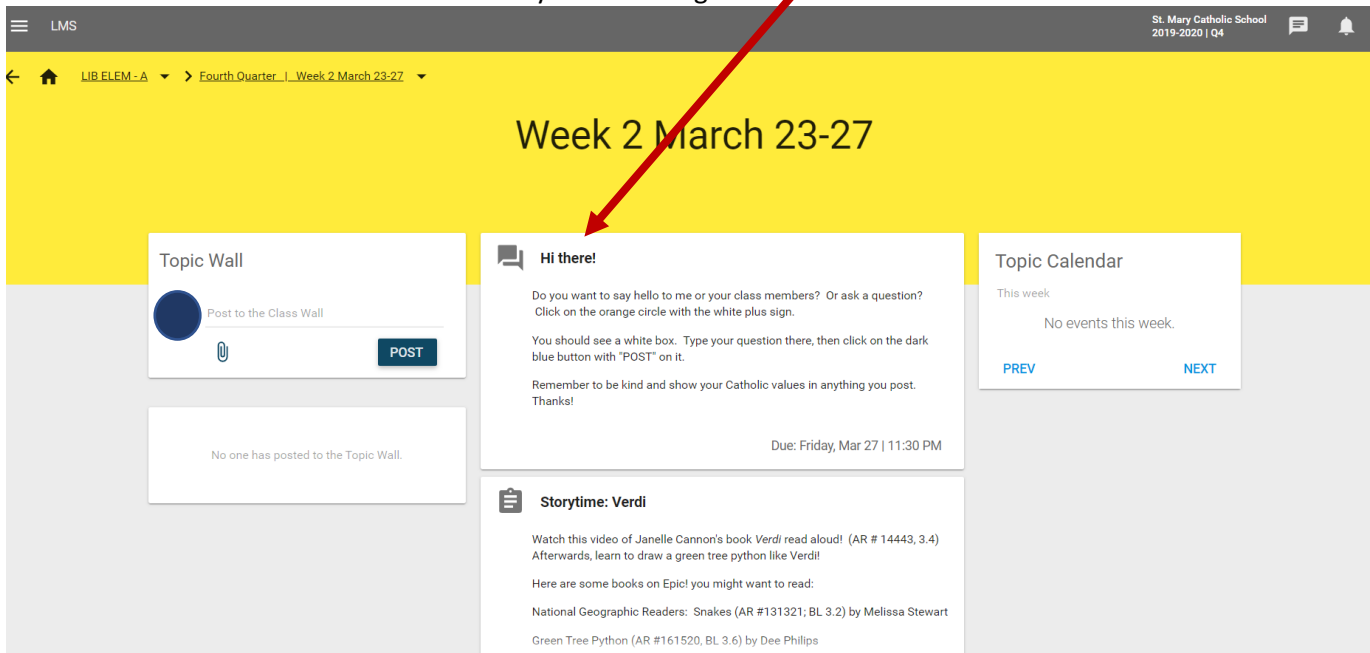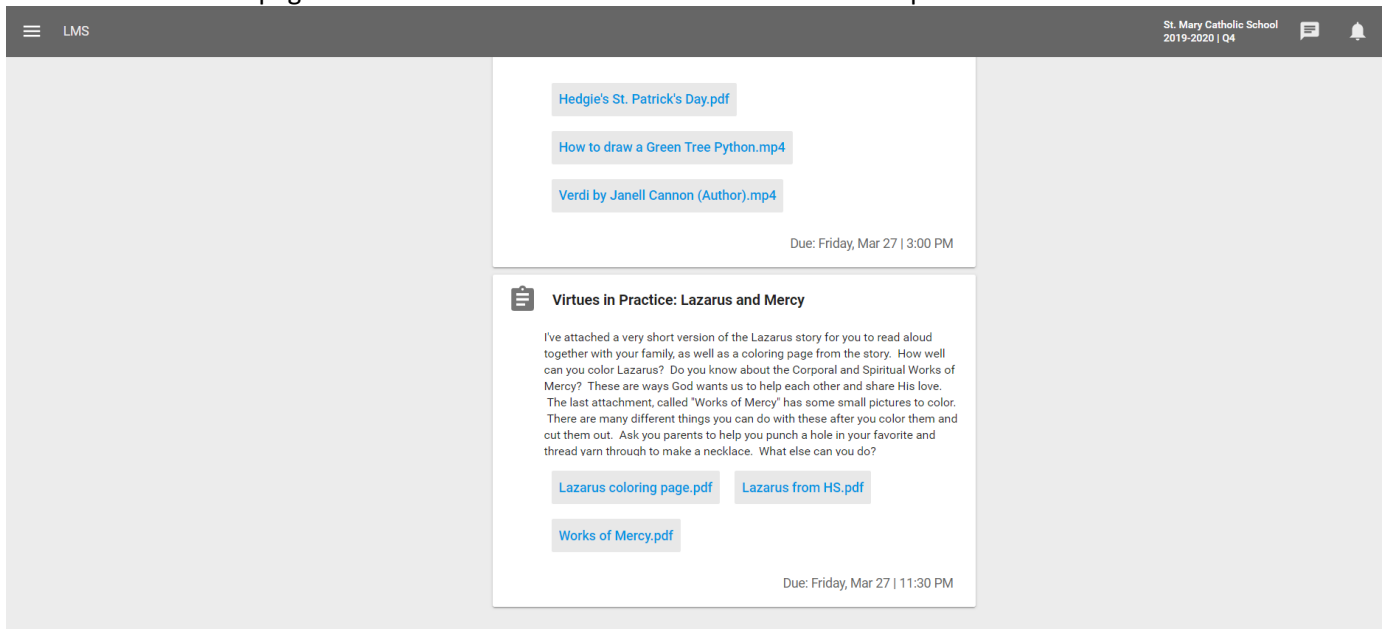

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Again, click on the "Fourth Quarter I Week 2" to get back and see the remaining "lesson."

Now scroll down the page to see the Virtues in Practice lesson and click to open it.

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This includes a short story about Lazarus and Jesus, a matching coloring page, and a Works of Mercy activity.

When you are ready to log out, click on the child's initials in the upper right corner. This can be done from any screen. A drop-down menu will appear. Click on the blue "Logout" link.