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THE STORY OF THE LITTLE DOCTOR OF LIMA, PERU

COURSE PLAN METHODOLOGY: *Saint Martin de Porres: The Story of the Little Doctor of Lima, Peru* by Mary Fabyan Windeatt is represented by the abbreviation **SMDP**. Each weekly assignment is summarized in the first lines of the week’s daily course plan. The specific daily assignments are outlined in the following lines indicated by the **MON**, **TUES**, **WED** and **THUR** abbreviations. We suggest assigning the weekly written assignment at the beginning of the week, to be completed by the following Monday. This will allow the student to think about the assignment while reading. **The chapter study questions, chapter vocabulary and glossary are located in the Elementary Literature Study Question booklets available for purchase from Kolbe Academy.** Answers should be given in complete written or oral sentences.

This book is one of a series of biographies by Mary Fabyan Windeatt. It describes the seemingly ordinary yet amazing life of Martin de Porres, known for his healing gifts and love for all of God’s creation. Children will be especially attracted to Martin’s love for animals, and the touching stories of his special interactions with them.

Characters:

Martin A young boy whose father is a wealthy white man and whose mother is a poor black woman. Martin grows up to be a great saint.

Jane Martin’s little sister.

Anna Velasquez The mother of Martin and Jane. She suffers greatly when the children’s father leaves them, and she becomes bitter.

Don Juan de Porres Martin and Jane’s father. God touches his heart, and he begins to support his family once again.

Don Diego de Miranda The uncle of Don Juan de Porres, who takes care of Martin and Jane.

Marcelo de Rivero A doctor in Lima, who Martin serves as an apprentice for when he returns from a visit with his great-uncle.

Father Prior The Dominican in charge of the community which Martin becomes a member of.

Brother Michael The Dominican sacristan who tells Martin of Father Prior’s order to poison the rats and mice that are nibbling on the altar cloths. Martin finds another solution.

La Rosita St. Rose of Lima, who Martin frequently consults.

Doña Catherine A wealthy lady whose arm Martin heals, shortly after his own death.

WEEK 1	
SMDP	<p>Chapter 1-7. Have the student look up all the vocabulary words for Chapters 1-7 in the glossary prior to reading. Study questions may be completed as the student reads or at the end of the week when reading has been completed.</p> <p>Written Assignment: Choose only one. 1) What does little Martin do with the coins his mother gives him, and why? What was he supposed to do, and how does he think his mother will feel about his decision? 2) When Martin is instructed to poison the rats and mice, does he do this? Why or why not? How does Martin’s approach work out?</p>
MON	<p>Read Chapter 1-2 and answer Study Questions. Chapter 1. A Boy and a Beggar. Abandoned by his prestigious father, young Martin de Porres lives a life of poverty with his mother and sister.</p>

	Although his circumstances are difficult, Martin demonstrates resignation to the will of God and a deep concern for those who are even less fortunate than himself. Chapter 2. Martin and Jane. The children's father, Don Juan de Porres returns home to claim them, responding to the grace of God, who shows him how wrong it is to ignore his own family. Don Juan entrusts Martin and Jane to the care of his uncle, who sees to it that they are educated and properly provided for. The children flourish, and repay their uncle with affection and obedience.
TUES	Read Chapter 3-4 and answer Study Questions. Chapter 3. The Little Doctor Martin and Jane return to Lima, to the great joy of their mother. Martin is a young man now and ready to make his own decisions. Desiring to help others, he becomes an assistant to the local doctor. His outstanding gifts in the area of healing become apparent. Chapter 4. Candles in the Dark. The young man acquires a well-deserved reputation for holiness. His landlady, wondering what he does with all the candles she provides at his request, finds him praying late into the night. Martin has been discerning what God's call is for his life. He decides to join the Dominicans.
WED	Read Chapter 5-6 and answer Study Questions. Chapter 5. A New Job. Martin is assigned his new duties, including cutting the hair of the community members. His insistence on following the rule earns disfavor in the sight of some, but favor in God's sight. In the meantime, Martin's special concern for the sick comes to the forefront once again. He is guided by God to the special service of Father Peter, who has a lame leg. Chapter 6. Life at Santo Domingo. Father Peter recovers. He gives the credit to Martin, who gives the credit to God. Then Martin intervenes on behalf of the rodents that have been ruining precious items in the sacristy. Instead of poisoning the little rats and mice, Martin feeds them in the barn.
THUR	Read Chapter 7 and answer Study Questions. Chapter 7. Vacation in the Country. For their part, the tiny creatures never disturb the altar cloths again. Brother Michael, the sacristan, expresses amazement at this. Meanwhile, Martin offers to be sold as a slave, to ease the community's debt load. Father Prior sends him off for a vacation in the country instead. There, Martin befriends the local children, explaining to them what a Dominican Tertiary is and instructing them in the love of God.
FRI	Work on this week's written assignment, due Monday.
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