



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter: 01/12/2023



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- MAP Testing for 5th graders is January 17th (math) and 18th (reading). Please be sure your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast so they can do their best on the test!
- **Save the date:** Our field trip this year is scheduled for **Friday, April 21** to James Madison's Montpelier. *If you would like to volunteer to chaperone this trip, you need to be VIRTUS-trained. The next VIRTUS training session will be Saturday, January 28, at the CCS Library from 1:00-4:00. Capacity is limited to 30 people. You may register at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0*
- Beginning on Tuesday, January 17, we will begin reading *Love That Dog*. This is the last novel we are asking students to purchase, as we will be annotating it. Please contact Deb at d.samley@cvillecatholic.org if you have any questions about this.
- **Battle of the Books**
Does your child love to read and compete? St. Edward-Epiphaney will be hosting a Battle of the Books this spring. They are hoping to have it on Friday, April 28. We are hoping to have a team for grades 3-5 and a team for grades 6-8. Each team will consist of four to six students. Students would take responsibility for reading books from a [list](#) and then compete in a Family Feud-style competition with students from other schools. If your child would like to compete, please reach out to Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org. She will organize which books each student will read and coordinate for the competition day.

- We are collecting empty (please rinse out) 2 liter bottles for a science project.
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Tuesday, January 17:** MAP Testing/Math
- **Wednesday, January 18:** MAP Testing/Reading
- **Thursday, January 19:** Spelling test (Greek and Latin Roots)
- **Friday, January 20:** Rocky Mt. Region states and caps
- **Monday, January 23:** Science TEST

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Social Studies

We will continue to learn about the causes and events that led to the American Revolution.

Students will need to learn all the US states and capitals. They will be tested by region and there will also be a comprehensive test on all the states and capitals. Your child can start learning them now by using the following online resources.

Practice games for state names (by region) found @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>

levels 1-7

Learn the capitals for each state @

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game-2/>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/capitals/game-2/>

levels 1 & 2

Math

This week we worked on the basics of coordinate grids. We will be graphing coordinates this week.

*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Coordinate Plane, Line Plot and Multiply Decimals* by the end of the 3rd quarter.

* Please practice the basic multiplication facts at home or in the car coming to and from school. Knowing your multiplication facts is a vital skill that students will be needing for success in math in school and in daily life.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we finished the four-paragraph essay related to *Wonder*. We also had a test on Greek and Latin roots affixes, and students received the list of Greek and Latin root words as our next set of spelling words. They will have a test on those roots on Thursday, January 19. We also learned a little about the author of *Love That Dog*, Sharon Creech this week.

Next week, we will start reading *Love That Dog*, so please be sure your child has a copy of the novel for Tuesday. Next week, we will also return to our study of sentence fragments and run-on sentences, and students will be ready for a test on this material early the week of January 23.

Religion

This week we focused on the structure of the Bible, and students will be ready for a test on that material the week of January 23. We will be focusing primarily on the books of the Pentateuch. Students will also begin memorizing the Nicene Creed.

Science

This week students learned about Earth's lithosphere and biosphere. Next week we will do a project that connects to how we can better care for our environment. Please save empty 2 liter bottles for this project. Please rinse the bottle prior to sending it to school. Thanks!