

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

5th Grade 1/14/2021

Teachers' Message/Announcements

- We are aware that there is a potential for another winter storm Sunday into Monday. Fortunately, Monday is a federal holiday and school is closed. If we are unable to physically be in the building on Tuesday, we are planning on attempting a virtual day. We are doing this because we have already missed five days of school and hope to not add make-up days to the end of our school year. We fully realize that this plan only works if the area does not lose power or internet. If we have virtual school and you cannot access, it will be an excused absence. We will be sending home materials that will be needed in the event we are home, and we will utilize Google Meet and Google Classroom to hold classes as normally scheduled.
- Next week we will have our Performance Series Testing (math on Wednesday, January 19, and Reading on Thursday, January 20). Be sure your child gets a good night's sleep the nights before these tests and has a good breakfast on those mornings.
- Catholic Schools' Week is fast approaching, and we have several exciting activities planned. See this document for a description of those activities/events:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p4-Kf9bwzD-o_Cuv0XP6nE-0sLxcPFam_RSOXt fAN2U/edit
- We are now at the end of the second quarter and are excitedly planning our next CBG party! We have it tentatively scheduled for next Friday, January 21, but we want to wait until the majority of our synchronous learners are in-person for it. We'll let you know if that changes.
- We are still going outside for a short morning snack/recess and a longer lunch/recess, so be sure your child comes each day with a coat, hat, and gloves.
- We are trying to have the students eat lunch outside as much as possible, so they should bring a towel or something to sit on during that time.
- Please send in empty (rinsed) 2 liter plastic bottles for a 5th grade science project.
- Please be sure your child has his/her copy of *Love That Dog* for class on Tuesday.

Upcoming Tests and Independent Projects:

Wednesday, January 19th: Spelling/vocabulary test on words from “James Forten”

Thursday, January 20: Quiz on collective nouns

Revolutionary War Quilt Square due

Math

This week we worked with order of operations (PEMDAS) and solving problems by working backwards. Next week we will be learning about coordinate grids and ordered pairs.

Science

This week we focused on human interaction and the environment. We will be doing a recycling project next week and a mini lab on traveling pollution. Please send in empty (rinsed) 2 liter plastic bottles for our science project.

Social Studies

This week we continued our study of the war with a focus on the Declaration of Independence and research on people of the Revolutionary war. Next week we will complete and present our Quilt Square projects

Language Arts

This week we read a short story, “James Forten,” in *Journeys*, and we focused on collective nouns in grammar. The spelling/vocabulary words for this week and next are from “James Forten,” and there will be a test on those words next Wednesday. There will be a quiz on collective nouns on Thursday. As we begin our unit on *Love That Dog*, we will be focusing on narrator/point of view, theme, and figurative language. Please be sure your child has his/her copy of *Love That Dog* for class on Tuesday.

Religion

This week we completed two Bible Scavenger Hunts to become familiar with the books of the Bible and how to locate scripture. Next week we will continue our study of