



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

5th Grade

01/05/2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- **SAVE THE DATE:** We will be taking our field trip to James Madison's Montpelier on Friday, April 19. We'll send out more details and permission slips as we get closer to the date.
- Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:
 - Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
 - If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
 - If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.

Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.

- ****Please save and send in empty 2 liter bottles** (rinsed please) for science.
- The Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program. Students read books and then compete in a team trivia-style competition. The Diocese of Richmond has tentatively set a date for Wednesday, March 29 for schools to participate. We will have a grades 3-5 team and a 6-8 team. If your child would like to participate, please email Mrs. DeVane (l.devane@cvillecatholic.org).
 - [3-5 Book List](#)
 - [6-8 Book List](#).

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, January 9:** 2nd Qtr. Khan Academy due
- **Wednesday, January 10:** Quiz on defining words in context
- **Thursday, January 11:** Quiz on subjects and subject complements
- **Friday, January 12:** End of second quarter, 11:30AM dismissal

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Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be learning about major events of the American Revolution.

Math

We have started our unit on fractions. We will be estimating fractions, working with mixed numbers, adding and subtracting like and unlike fractions, reducing fractions to their lowest terms and more.

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy (khanacademy.org). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 2nd qtr. requirements, **due before the end of the quarter 1/9/24** are Multiplying & dividing whole numbers and decimals (unit 4) and Adding and subtracting fractions (unit 3).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we began studying subjects and subject complements and on defining words in context. We also held our classroom level spelling bees..

Next week is the end of the quarter, and we will have a quiz on defining words in context on Wednesday and a quiz on subjects/subject complements on Thursday. We will also read several short stories in the *Journeys* anthology, focusing primarily on distinguishing between fact and opinion and on making inferences. Next week, students will begin a unit on Greek and Latin roots and affixes as our next spelling unit. The first quiz on that material will be the week of January. In a few weeks, we will begin reading *Love That Dog*.

Theology

This week students had a quiz on the Apostles' Creed. Next week we will begin a short unit on the types of prayer. We also had a wonderful visit with Seminarian Matt Kelly this week. Seminarian Kelly was the one to whom students wrote letters during Vocations Week. The seminarian was so impressed with the quality of their letters that he wanted to come to answer students' questions in person.

Science

We have started our unit on the Earth's structure and landforms. We will be making topographic models and reading topographic maps.