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Friday Newsletter: 01/06/2023



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Thank you all for the very generous outpouring of prayers, well-wishes, gifts, and donations to the PTO gift during this Christmas season. We are so grateful for the opportunity to work with such wonderful families, and we wish you all a happy and healthy 2023!
- **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-Epiphany 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

I.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

- **Monday, January 9:** Rough draft of four-paragraph essay is due
- **Tuesday, January 10:** Spelling test on Greek and Latin affixes
- **Tuesday, January 10:** Math quiz -numerical expressions
- **Wednesday, January 11:** Revised draft of four-paragraph essay is due
- **Thursday, January 12:** Final draft of four-paragraph essay is due

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Social Studies

We will be starting 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

*We will be working on mastering our multiplication table 0-12 and doubles by the end of the 2nd quarter (this is an extension). 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.

*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Add Decimals and Subtract Decimals* by the end of the 2nd quarter.

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

This week we worked with PEMDAS, order of operations in math, word problems, and numerical expressions. We will be starting to focus on coordinate grids next week. Ask your child about

using the “elevator”.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we worked on the rough draft of the four-paragraph essay, and the rough draft is due Monday, January 9. Students have ample time to finish this in class, so they should not need to be working on it at home, but please let me know if there are any questions about this. The revised draft will be due on Wednesday, and the final draft is due on Friday. We also started working on our spelling unit on Greek and Latin roots and affixes, with our first list focusing on affixes. The goal of this unit is for students to become familiar with the meanings of common roots and affixes, so they will be able to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words that contain the same Greek and Latin parts. Students will have a test on the first set of affixes next Tuesday, January 10.

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 late the following week or early the week of January 23.

Beginning January 17, we will start reading *Love That Dog*. This is the last novel we are asking students to purchase, as we will also be annotating it. While we read this unit, students will also work on writing poetry.

Religion

This week, instead of starting our unit on the structure of the Bible, we did a mini-unit on the papacy. We discussed a little about the history of the papacy, Pope Emeritus Benedict’s unique role in the history of the Church, and the general procedure the Church follows when a sitting Pope passes away and a new Pope is selected. Next week, we will start our unit on the structure of the Bible, and students will be ready for a test on that material the week of January 23.

Science

This week students made topographic models in our lab. Next week, we will be learning about Earth’s lithosphere and biosphere.

Please save empty 2 liter bottles for our next project. Please rinse the bottle prior to sending it to school.