Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

5th Grade 10/01/2021

Teachers' Message/Announcements

- Monday, October 4, is a Blue/Gold Day.
- Our first quarter IRAs (Independent Reading Assessments) are due in two weeks (by midnight Friday, October 15). These will each count as a project grade, and no late assignments will be accepted.
- As we near the end of the first quarter, we are making plans for our first CBG Party!
 Early next week, we will send out a Sign-Up Genius if anyone would like to contribute food or drink items that students may "purchase" with their CBGs.
- We've noticed that several students are missing belts with their uniforms. Please be sure they have a belt when wearing long pants or shorts. Otherwise, students seem to be doing a great job with their uniforms!

Upcoming Tests and Independent Projects:

Tuesday October 5th Science TEST
Thursday, October 7th: Word Problem Test
Friday, October 8: Quiz on possessive nouns
Friday, October 15: Two IRAs (on Google Classroom) are due

Math

This week we worked on math operations in word problems, divisibility rules, prime factorization and exponents. Our next focus will be on using the Distributive Property to multiply using partial products and practicing long division.

Science

We learned about the classification system for living organisms. We will be looking into the connection of energy moving through organisms and ecosystems.

Social Studies

This week we worked on research and analysis of the geography, economy, climate, population, and success of Roanoke, Jamestown, Plymouth, and New Amsterdam. This will be an ongoing project that will culminate with them testing their colony in a simulator. They will then record and analyze the results of the successes and failures. Next week we will continue work in our portfolio and hopefully test our Colonies on next Friday, at the latest Monday.

Language Arts

This week students continued reading *Wonder*. We also used word study patterns for spelling words/groups this week, culminating in a quiz on the material today. Students also completed the first draft of their short stories this week and began the revision process by having a peer evaluate their story. The revised version will be due late next week. We will also assign spelling/vocabulary words next week drawn from *Wonder*. The quiz on those words will be early the following week. Next week we will also continue reading *Wonder*, focusing on point of view and characterization. In grammar, we will be studying possessive nouns, and there will be a quiz on the material on Friday. *Two IRAs are due on Friday, October 15, and no late assignments will be accepted. These will count as project grades.*

Religion

This week we began our study of the rosary. Students will learn the prayers and how to pray the rosary over the next few weeks. We made flipbooks with the prayers and the mysteries. We focused on the prayers this week and we will Complete a project on the mysteries next week.

