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Friday Newsletter: 10/07/2022



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- The deadline for the 1st quarter IRA (Independent Reading Assessment) is next Friday (October 14). For the first and fourth quarters, there is only one IRA due, but there are two for each of the second and third quarters. This is a summary of the process:
 - Students selected a realistic fiction book with Mrs. Furin in the library several weeks ago. They have either finished reading them or should be close to finishing them.
 - There is a Google Slide presentation on Google Classroom/Reading for them to fill out with information about their book. We went over the expectations for these on Monday.
 - This will be graded as a project/test grade.
 - Students generally do a great job with the content on the IRA but often lose points on the following:
 - failing to write in complete sentences
 - failing to capitalize proper nouns or words at the beginning of a sentence
 - failing to use end punctuation
 - misspelling words (including the names of characters or places mentioned in the book)
- As the weather starts to turn cooler, please be sure your child has the appropriate clothing for going outside, especially if your child is scheduled for carline.
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Wednesday, October 12:** Rough draft of personal narrative is due
- **Friday, October 14:** 1st Quarter IRA is due
- **Friday, October 14:** Math Test
- **Monday October 17:** Science TEST
- **Tuesday October 18:** 13 Colonies TEST (see p 181 to study)
- Teacher Work Day (School Closed)- Monday, October 10.
- Student/Teacher Holiday (School Closed)- Friday, October 21.
- Elementary Day of Service will be October 28.
- Parent Teacher Conferences-11:30 am dismissal-Thursday, November 3 (No Aftercare).
- Parent Teacher Conferences- (School Closed)- Friday, November 4.

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Social Studies

Last week we learned about some of the success and failures of some of the early colonies in North America and worked on the skill of determining facts from opinions. This week we will be working on a major project chart for the 13 English Colonies. On Tuesday, October 18th, there will be a test on the 13 Colonies (see p 181).

Math

*We will be working on mastering our multiplication table 0-12 and doubles by the end of the 1st 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.

*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Decimal place value* by the end of the 1st quarter.

This week we worked on using the Distributive Property [$ax(b+c)=(axb)+(axc)$] and rounding numbers. Next week we will be reviewing multiplication of 3 digit by 2 digit multiplication with regrouping.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we continued reading and annotating *Wonder*. We also took a test on our first set of spelling/vocabulary words, which are words taken from *Wonder*, pages 1-23. We also worked a bit on the first draft of the personal narrative but did not get as far as I had hoped. As a result, we will continue to work on that next week, and the rough draft will be due next Wednesday. One element we will work on in the narrative is punctuating dialogue. Next week, students will be given resources on how to punctuate dialogue in their papers, but they will also have a test

on that information the following week. Next week, students will continue to read *Wonder*, will work on the rough draft of the personal narrative, and will focus on punctuating dialogue. Their first quarter IRA is also due on Friday, and it will count as a project grade for reading.

Religion

This week we finished our project on the CCS Pillars, and next week we will focus on learning to pray the rosary.

Science

This week we learned about how living things are classified. There's a great game on Brainpop called Sortify -*Tree of Life* that we will be playing in school and your child can also play at home. Next week we will be focusing on vertebrates and invertebrates.