



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter: 11/11/2022



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Winter dress will begin on November 28 (the day we return from Thanksgiving break). Please be sure your child has all the clothing items for winter dress.
- We're so excited for the return of the live Christmas Concert! It is on December 14 at 6:15. Students should report to the gym at 6:00 that evening, dressed in their formal, Christmas-best. They should also bring a water bottle.
 - The lyrics to the songs our classes will sing at the concert are included at the end of this newsletter. Please be sure your child is practicing these songs at home.
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Monday, November 14:** Math TEST on long division and multi digit multiplication
- **Tuesday, November 15:** Religion test on the Holy Days of Obligation
- **Wednesday, November 16:** Final copy (include rough draft), Typed Fact Sheet and Presentations for Colonial Trade
- **Wednesday, November 16:** Spelling test on homophones

Teacher email addresses

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Social Studies

This week we continued our study of life in Colonial times. We will be presenting our Colonial Trade journal entries in costume (with props) on Wednesday. Final copy due, along with the rough draft and typed fact sheet. See below for more info.

Students will need to learn all the US states and capitals for 2nd Qtr. 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

Colonial Trade Project:

You are living during colonial times and your father has set you up in an apprenticeship with a local artisan. You will be learning to be a _____ (students were given their trade). You need to write a 2+ page journal entry that tells about your new apprenticeship.

You need to include: A. a description of what you are learning about your trade B. an explanation of what the conditions are like under your master C. a description of the parts of your new trade you like and which you find distasteful.

You will write a rough draft (graded), final copy (graded) and present in costume with props (as appropriate) your journal entry (graded) to the class. A fact sheet (typed and printed in Blackadder ITC font size 24+) needs to accompany the journal entry. This project will be due Wednesday, November 16th. **Rough draft: due 11/8 (Tues.)**

Final copy: due 11/16 (Wed.)

Presentations on 11/16 & 11/17

Great site to find info: <https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/explore/historic-trades/?from=navexplore>

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.

This week we worked on long division with and without remainders. We will continue to practice the division algorithm and work on division patterns, elapsed time and multiplication with multi-digit numbers. We will have a test on Monday on adding and subtracting decimals, fact families, long division and word problems.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we continued reading and annotating *Wonder* and took a quiz on possessive nouns. Students received a new list of spelling words this week (homophones), and they will have a test on them next Wednesday. Next week we will continue to read *Wonder* (with the goal of finishing it right before or right after Thanksgiving), and we will begin a study of collective nouns.

There are two IRAs for the second quarter (one must be historical fiction and the other is "free choice"), and the two digital forms for them are on Google Classroom/Reading. They will both be due on Friday, January 6.

Religion

This week students created a brochure about the Holy Days of Obligation, and they will have a quiz on the material on Tuesday. We will then begin a unit on the liturgical calendar.

Science

This week we started our new unit on Matter. We will be learning about the states of matter, atoms and the periodic table.

Christmas Concert 2022 Lyrics for 5th graders to practice at home:

Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight, gathering winter fuel.

"Hither, page and stand by me, if thou know'st it, telling
Yonder peasant who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence by St. Agnes fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither.
Thou and I shall see him dine when we bear them thither."
Page and monarch forth they went, forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament and the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger.
Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go no longer."

"Mark my footsteps, good my page, tread thou in them boldly,
Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted.
Heat was in the very sod which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men be sure, wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

Night of Silence

Cold are the people, winter of life,
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night.
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
Flowers that will echo the sunrise.
Fire of hope is our only warmth,
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night,
On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light.
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly,
Rumors of a dawn so embracing.
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,
Soon will we know of the morning.

Spirit among us, shine like the star,
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar.
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love.
Star unknowing of night and day,
Spirit, we wait for your loving Son.