

# Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

5th Grade 11/19/2021

## Teachers' Message/Announcements

- Thanksgiving Break is from November 22-26th. Enjoy your family time!
- Today (Friday, November 19) is the mid-way point of the second semester. Your child had a few assessments this week that will be graded over the weekend. Please check FACTS on or after Wednesday, November 24, for the most up-to-date and accurate grade for your child in each of his/her classes. We will reach out to parents when we return from the break to notify you if your child has a C or lower in any class.

### Upcoming Tests and Independent Projects:

**Tuesday, November 30:** Test on *Wonder*

### Math

This week we focused on reading thermometers, elapsed time using the calendar, and all operations involving money. Please continue to practice counting change at home with your student. These websites also offer fun online practice: [mathplayground.com](http://mathplayground.com) dolphin dash and puzzle pics (click and drag), [sheppardsoftware.com](http://sheppardsoftware.com) coin splat (choose bottom mixed coin set, relaxed pace -slow). Next week we will work on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using money. The big focus will be on correct decimal placement.

### Science

This week we completed a liquid density lab and studied physical changes in matter. We will be doing a chemical changes lab next week and completing a Periodic Table Scavenger Hunt.

### Social Studies

This week we read and discussed the events leading up to the American Revolution. We watched episodes of "Liberty Kids" about the Boston Tea Party and the Intolerable Acts. When we return from our week off we will be starting an in class timeline. Our Road to Revolution will chart the causes and effects that lead to the Revolution. This will be an in class project that will be due **Friday, December 3, 2021**.

### Language Arts

This week students finished reading *Wonder* and took a test on sentence structure and one on their spelling/vocabulary words. After the Thanksgiving break, we will review *Wonder* and have a test on the novel on Tuesday, November 30. After that, we will watch the movie based on the novel and will compare and contrast the two. We will also begin our unit on Greek and Latin roots and affixes and a unit on collective nouns.

Students should also continue working on their two IRAs, which are due on January 7.

### Religion

This week we completed our lesson from the Protecting God's Children. We also reflected on the importance of having an attitude of gratitude and we made a Thankful Tree to highlight the things that we are thankful for. When we return from break we will be beginning our reflection and study of the Advent season.