

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

5th Grade 12/10/2021

Teachers' Message/Announcements

- **Thursday 12/16-** Fifth Grade goes to St. Nick's shop. It is also Tacky Sweater Day, and students should wear the uniform bottom and shoes with a tacky sweater. If they choose not to participate, students must wear the regular uniform.
- **Friday 12/17-** 11:30 Dismissal
- After the Christmas break, we will be reading *Love That Dog* by Sharron Creech in language arts. Please be sure your child has his/her own copy of the book.
- **Friday, January 7th:** Second Quarter IRAs are due. Any IRAs not turned in by that date will receive a 0, even if they were completed prior to that. They should be turned in on Google Classroom/Reading.

Upcoming Tests and Independent Projects:

Wednesday, December 15th: Revised draft of four-paragraph essay is due

Thursday, December 16th: Test on Greek and Latin affixes

Thursday, December 16th: Quiz in Math

Thursday, December 16th: Science TEST: Changing Surface of Earth

Friday, December 17th: Final draft of four-paragraph essay is due

Friday, January 7th: Two IRAs are due

Math

This week we worked with decimals for all operations with a focus on decimal placement. Next week we will be working with the Associative Property and estimating quotients. We will have a quiz on Thursday, but students may use their notes to complete any questions.

Science

This week we learned about the biosphere, lithosphere and Earth's atmosphere. Next week we will study plate tectonics, earthquakes and factors that change topography (both natural and human actions). We will have a test on Thursday. Be on the lookout for the study guide. We will be playing SMITE in class to review for the test.

Social Studies

This week we finished our Road to Revolution timelines and we took an assessment over the events that led up to the Revolution. Next week we will begin our study of the Revolutionary war.

Language Arts

This week students worked on their four-paragraph essay, and they read several short stories focusing on the main idea and supporting details. Next week, they will continue to work on the essay, read short stories, and study collective nouns. We will also study Greek and Latin root words. This week, students took a test on Greek and Latin affixes and generally did very well with those.

Religion

This week and the remaining time before our winter break our focus will be the season of Advent. We will do daily student-led reflections on the events of the Jesse Tree. We will also be studying the symbols of Advent for the Catholic Church and testing over those. We will be looking at the cultural side of the Christmas season and reflect on traditions those around the world use to celebrate. Each student will be given a country and made a poster to share about the traditions of that country.