

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

5th Grade 12/03/2021

Teachers' Message/Announcements

- **Monday 12/6** is a Blue & Gold Day.
- Please be sure your child comes to school with a warm coat. We generally go outside twice a day, even in the cold weather.
- **12/8 Wednesday** is Immaculate Conception Mass. Students need to be in formal dress. There is **no Mass** on **Friday 12/10**.
- Saint Nick's Shop is the week of 12/13, and a schedule will be determined and shared soon.
- **Thursday 12/16**- Tacky Sweater Day- more information to come.
- **Friday 12/17**- 11:30 Dismissal

Upcoming Tests and Independent Projects:

Tuesday, December 7th: Test on Greek and Latin affixes

Wednesday, December 8th: Assessment on symbols of Advent

Thursday, December 9th: Assessment on the Road to the Revolution events and Timeline due

Friday, December 10th: Rough draft of five-paragraph essay is due

Friday, January 7th: Two IRAs are due; students should be finished with (or close to being finished with) one of the two IRAs, which are on Google Classroom

Math

This week we worked on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing using money. The big focus is on correct decimal placement. Next week we will be continuing our work with decimals for all operations.

Science

This week we focused on the Earth's structures and topography. Our lab on contour lines/topography should clean up using hand sanitizer or soap and warm water.. Next week we will focus on the biosphere, lithosphere and Earth's atmosphere.

Social Studies

This week we started on our Road to Revolution timeline. We are focusing heavily on editing our information for detail, punctuation and grammar. This is a skill that we have noticed needs some polishing. The original due date was today, but we are just finishing our rough drafts so the due date will be pushed to next week. We will also have a quiz over the events on the timeline on **Thursday, December 9th**.

Language Arts

This week students took the end-of-novel test on *Wonder*. They also received the list of Greek and Latin affixes, and there will be a test on those next Tuesday. Next week, we will be working on writing a five-paragraph essay, and the rough draft of that will be due on Friday. We will also be reading several short stories, working on the concepts of main idea and theme, and how they are different from one another.

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.