



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter: 02/10/2023



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Calling all palms! Our chaplain, Fr. David, is collecting previously used Palm Sunday branches to create our ashes for our upcoming Ash Wednesday Mass. Please send in any palms you may have on Monday, February 13th so that Father may take them to burn for the following week's liturgy.
- Valentine's Day is on Tuesday. Although it is formal dress for Mass that day, it is also a TAG Day for students. This week's Tuesday Teller has a list of approved/non-approved items for TAG Day. For our classroom activities:
 - Students may bring in Valentines to share with classmates, but if they choose to bring them in, they need to provide one for every child in the class. They do NOT have to bring in Valentines for the other homeroom, but if they choose to share one with any student in that room, they should bring in one for every one of the students.
 - If any of the Valentines come with edible items, please note that they will NOT be checked by the nurse, so all Valentines will come home in a sealed bag, and none will be consumed at school. Please be sure to check the items when they are brought home.
 - Please consider non-edible items attached to the Valentines (if any), but in no instance should any item be a homemade edible item.

- **Friday, February 17**, school is closed for parent/teacher conferences. This conference day is not meant to be conferences for every child. We will be reaching out to you directly if we would like to hold a conference. If you would like to meet with us to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to reach out to us.
- **Monday, February 20**, school will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.
- Our fifth grade field trip will be held on Friday, April 21. We still need parent drivers to accompany us on this trip, and we need to know this information as soon as possible to make arrangements with Montpelier. ***Please email us as soon as possible if you are able to drive students on this trip.***
- One of our students is missing a PE shirt (size youth large). If you have come across an extra one that was brought home since last week, please let us know.
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Monday, February 13:** Retest of vocabulary portion of figurative language test
- **Tuesday, February 14:** Quiz on the first AND second parts of The Nicene Creed
- **Wednesday, February 15:** Test on sentence fragments and run-on sentences
- **Thursday, February 16:** Math TEST
- **Thursday, February 16:** Biography Presentation in class

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Social Studies

We will continue our focus on key figures in the colonist rebellions. Students will be researching and writing a short bio on a colonial figure. Students will present these to the class on Thursday, February 16th.

Math

We have been working on measuring angles and classifying triangles. We will be finding volume using formulas and working with perimeter.

*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Coordinate Plane, Line Plot and Multiply Decimals* by the end of the 3rd 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.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we took a test on *Love That Dog*, and also had a test on the new vocabulary/spelling words (related to figurative language). Students also started the poetry-writing unit, which will be due on Friday, February 24.

Approximately one-quarter of the class did not do well on the vocabulary portion of the figurative language test. As a result, we will have a retest on that part of figurative language on Monday. All students will take it, but I will take the higher of the two grades as their grade on that test. Next week, we will also begin reading *Love That Dog* a second time, this time annotating the book and focusing on the figurative language included in the story. We will also continue to work on the poetry packet. Also, students will have a test on Wednesday on both sentence fragments and run-on sentences. The quiz for run-on sentences is in today's Friday Folder, so I've recommended to students that they keep that quiz and use it as one of the study guides for next week's test.

Religion

This week we began a unit on the saints, and we continued to memorize The Nicene Creed. The quiz on parts 1 and 2 of The Nicene Creed is next Tuesday. We will continue with our unit on the saints.

Science

This week students wrapped up their unit on the environment and conservation. We will be starting our rock unit next week.