



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter: 02/24/2023



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- We are still in search of another driver or two for our April 21st field trip to Montpelier. We will leave the school at approximately 8:30 and return approximately 2:30 or 2:45. Thank you to all the parents who reached out to indicate they could drive students on this trip, but we are still a few spaces short of what we need to accommodate our 34 students. ***Please email us as soon as possible if you are able to drive students on this trip.***
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Tuesday, February 28:** Bible story pages due
- **Wednesday, March 1:** Spelling/vocabulary test (Homophones, Part III)
- **Thursday, March 2:** Quiz on prepositions and prepositional phrases

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Social Studies

We will continue our focus on key figures in the Revolutionary War. Students will be learning about different viewpoints in history.

Math

We started our fraction unit this week. We will be working with LCM, GCF, and comparing fractions this week.

*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 continued to work on the poetry-writing unit, and those packets were turned in today. Students also finished reading *Love That Dog* a second time, this time annotating the book and focusing on the figurative language included in the story. They wrote a summary of some of the figurative language they identified in the book. We also began our study of prepositions and prepositional phrases, which tends to be a bit challenging for some students. Students also received a new set of spelling/vocabulary words (the third and final set of homophones).

Next week, students will return to a few short stories in the *Journeys* anthology, and we will start with a story by Walter Dean Myers who featured prominently in *Love That Dog*. Students will also have a test on the homophones on Wednesday and a quiz on prepositions and prepositional phrases on Thursday.

Religion

This week students took a test on The Nicene Creed and worked on the final part of the Bible story project, which will be due on Tuesday. We also focused a bit on Ash Wednesday and Lent. Next week, after students turn in the Bible story project on Tuesday, we will return to our short unit on saints.

Science

We started our rock unit this week. We created sandstone and crystals in our labs. We will be identifying rocks and minerals this week.