



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter: 02/03/2023



## 5th Grade

### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Next Friday is "Flipping Forward" Day. The purpose of this special event is to give your fifth grade student a chance to see what life is like in CCS's middle school. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact us or Mrs. Fowlkes.
- Valentine's Day is fast approaching! We will be working on some special activities in class that day, and it will also be a TAG Day for students. Keep an eye on the Tuesday Teller or next week's newsletter for details about appropriate 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.
- EXCITING MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY: We are excited to start an elementary after-school chorus for 10 weeks from February 6th to April 10th on Mondays after school from 3:30-4:45 pm. Parents will pick up their child at the front of our school. Students will be learning a variety of styles from jazz to popular music, such as Beatles, and more! If students would like, there is a performance opportunity to perform a couple of our songs at the spring open house art show. Please e-mail Ms. Wisbey at [k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org) if you are interested and would like to sign up!
- Our fifth grade field trip will be held on Friday, April 21. We will need parent chaperones/drivers to accompany us on this trip. **Please email us as soon as possible if you are able to help with this trip, so we can confirm all requirements are in place (VIRTUS, driver form, etc.).**
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

#### Calendar/Important Dates

- **Tuesday, February 7:** Test on vocabulary/spelling words (related to figurative language)
- **Wednesday, February 8:** Ch 10 Science TEST
- **Thursday, February 9:** Test on *Love That Dog*
- **Friday, February 10:** 50 States and Caps TEST

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## Social Studies

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We focused on the parts of the Declaration of Independence. We will be learning about key figures in the colonist rebellions.

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*Students will need to learn all the US states and capitals. They will be tested by region and there will also be a comprehensive test on all the states and capitals. Your child can start learning them now by using the following online resources.*

*Practice games for state names (by region) found @*

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Geography.htm>

levels 1-7

*Learn the capitals for each state @*

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game-2/>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/capitals/game-2/>

levels 1 & 2

## Math

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This week we started our geometry unit. We will be measuring angles and classifying triangles. We will be finding volume using formulas.

\*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

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This week we continued our study of *Love That Dog*. We also had a quiz on run-on sentences and reviewed the new vocabulary/spelling words (related to figurative language). We also held our class-level spelling bee this week, which was exciting! The winners for each of the homerooms will compete in the school-wide bee next Friday.

Next week, we will have a test on the spelling/vocabulary terms, and we will have a test on the content of *Love That Dog*. With the busy Catholic Schools Week schedule and the spelling bee competition this week, we did not have time to start our poetry-writing unit. We will begin that 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.

## Religion

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This week we had a quiz on the first part of the Nicene Creed and on the structure of the Bible. We also enjoyed learning more about the Catholic Faith during Catholic Schools Week! Next week, we will start a unit on the saints, and we will be learning about the ways in which one is declared a saint, and about some of the lives of the saints.

## Science

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This week students learned how we can better care for our environment. We will continue to find how our actions impact our earth. We will be taking a test on 2/8 over Ch. 10. Please have your student review their study guide to prepare for the test..