



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

5th Grade

04/19/2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- Due to the field trip on Friday, we will send home Friday Folders home on Monday.
- Save the Date! Our annual Grandparents and Great Friends Day will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024. Students in JK-5th are encouraged to invite their grandparents or another special visitor to join them at school that day. There will be 2 sessions for visits—JK through 2nd grade at 8:45AM (**check-in from 8:30AM-8:45AM**), and 3rd through 5th grades at 10:45AM (**check-in between 10:30AM and 10:45AM**). Those visiting multiple students are welcome to attend both sessions. [Please fill out this RSVP form](#) **no later than Friday, May 3** so that we can properly plan for the day.
- **Call for Art Show Volunteers (STUDENT AND PARENT OPPORTUNITIES)**
Mrs. Devlin needs help mounting, labeling and hanging student art for our annual All CCS Art Show. Prep work begins now and the show will be hung Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th, The Open House will take place after school Wednesday, May 8th. Food and Beverages will be needed. Please see the SignUp Genius linked here to sign up.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA9A82BA46-49042420-2024>

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, April 24:** Quiz on first and second part of the Nicene Creed
- **Friday, April 26:** Math Survey Projects due

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Reading, Writing and Theology

Math, Science and Social Studies

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will be learning about what our nation looks like at 50. As we continue through the 4th quarter we will be looking at the causes of the Civil War. Our last project in social studies will be a timeline that we will complete in class.

As part of learning about Westward Expansion, students are encouraged to play Oregon Trail online. Here's the link: <https://oregontrail.ws/games/the-oregon-trail/play/>

Math

We have been working on algebraic thinking and numerical patterns. We will be delving into probability and graphing. Students will be creating surveys and graphing (bar graph, pie chart, ...) their results. This project grade is due 4/26.

To reinforce math concepts and skills, students are assigned sections for Khan Academy ([khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org)). This is for a grade. Students have their login and password in their planner. The 4rd qtr. requirements, **due before the end of the quarter 5/23/24** are Multiplying Fractions, Algebraic Thinking and Divide Decimals (under 5th grade - **not** Getting Ready for 5th).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week students continued reading *The Phantom Tollbooth*. We also took a test on the vocabulary and spelling words from the novel. We also started a unit on words that can be used as nouns or verbs, and next week we will focus on words that can be used as either nouns or adjectives. The following week, students will have a test on both types of words.

This week, we also started discussing the research paper students will start next week. This will be a cross-curricular project with social studies, as they will research events and people that played a significant role in the lead-up to the Civil War. This week, they indicated a preference for which topics they would like, and next week they will receive their assignment. Next week we will also focus on ways to conduct the research, take notes, avoid plagiarism, and give credit to the original source. Students will also receive the next set of spelling/vocabulary words from *The Phantom Tollbooth*.

Theology

This week we continued working on the unit on the Pentateuch but focused much more heavily on memorizing the first part of the Nicene Creed, which students recited for a quiz grade on Thursday. Next week, we will focus on the first and second parts of the prayer, which they will

recite for a quiz grade next week. The following week, they will memorize the rest of the prayer and will recite the entire thing for a test grade.

Next week, we will finish working on the Pentateuch project, and it will be turned in the following week for a project grade.

Science

We are learning about the solar system. We will have a special multi lab event on 4/26. It's going to be so much fun!