



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

5th Grade

05/10/2024

- Thank you for all the gifts, notes and goodies during Teacher Appreciation Week! We feel so blessed to be working with your children and to have such amazing parents!

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, May 14:** May Crowning of Mary
- **Wednesday, May 15:** MAP TESTING -Reading
- **Friday, May 17:** Revised draft of research paper due (rescheduled from this week)

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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 reviewing prime and composite numbers, fractions, algebraic equations and understanding the relationship between fractions/decimals/percents/ratios. We will focus on elapsed time and reviewing long division.

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* and took a test on the words from chapters 6-9. Students also were assigned a Dodecahedron Project in connection with this novel. It will be due at the end of the novel. We also participated in a reading comprehension escape room as an end-of-year review in preparation for next week's MAP Reading Test.

Next week, students will continue to read *The Phantom Tollbooth* and work on the Dodecahedron Project. They will also receive a new set of spelling/vocabulary words. In addition, we did not get to work on the revised drafts of the research paper this week, so we will work on that next week, and it will be due on Friday. Students will also take the MAP Reading Test on Wednesday.

Theology

This week students recited the Nicene Creed for a test grade, and we began the unit on Theology of the Body. We will continue with that unit next week.

Science

We are learning about weather. We will have a rain lab this week.