

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

- We had a great first week of school!
- Next week we will be taking the first of the three MAP tests that will be given during the year. This test replaces the Performance Series tests. The reading test will be administered on Wednesday, August 31, and the math test will be administered on Thursday, September 1. Please be sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before each test and eats a good breakfast on those mornings.
- The sign-up for September carline was sent last night. Please sign up your child for four or five shifts during the month of September.
- A message about PE from Mr. Frazier:

Starting on Tuesday, Aug. 30th, 5th graders are expected to be in PE dress uniform. These items required are as follows - Grey shirt top, navy blue shorts, and athletic shoes. If your PE uniform has not yet come in from an order, the student must wear neutral-colored athletic shirt top, shorts, and athletic shoes until the CCS apparel arrives. Additionally, students are welcome to wear CCS spirit-wear shirts as acceptable uniforms. Example: Team gold and Team blue shirts. My suggestion for keeping up with the uniform is this - Purchase a drawstring bag to keep these PE dress items in, I would keep the drawstring bag in my school locker for the week and wash it on the weekend. This way, the uniform stays at school for the week and we do not risk forgetting it. Lastly, please send your student with deodorant! Thank you and I look forward to teaching them this year and leading them in the disciplines of changing in and out of uniform and keeping up with our requirements!

### Math

This week we started working on getting set up for Khan Academy. Students will have required units for each quarter. They will have time to work on this at school, and can access Khan Academy at home too. We began our review of place value.

*Note: Please have your student practice his or her multiplication tables from 0-12. These will all be tested by the end of the 1st quarter. Many completed testing for their 0, 1 and 2s this week.*

Next week we continue to review and expand our understanding of place value to the millions and thousandths.

### Science

This week we started reviewing lab safety. Students will be actively involved with labs throughout the year.

Next week we will start our cell unit.

### Social Studies

This week we had a mock test on the US states. Students will need to know the states and their capitals, by region, by the end of the first quarter.

Next week we will begin learning about exploration and colonization of America.

### Language Arts

This week we went on a virtual field trip to The Metropolitan Museum of Art and did a scavenger hunt for items in the museum. This connects to the summer reading, *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*.

Next week we will take the MAP test, do a few more activities pertaining to the summer reading, and then begin our first unit of short stories. With these short stories, we'll be focusing on the structure of a narrative and the elements of a story. We will also have two in-class assessments that set the baseline for classroom instruction in spelling and reading fluency.

### Religion

This week we focused on the parts of the Mass, and on the daily prayers we say at CCS.

Next week we will continue focusing on the parts of the Mass, and students will have their first test. They will be reciting, individually, the prayers we say daily at CCS. They may choose to do this any day between Monday and Friday. We will also continue working on the parts of the Mass, as we prepare for our first Mass of the year next Thursday, September 1.