



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter: 9/23/2022



5th Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Crozet Speech and Language Clinic will be conducting speech screenings in October. Please look for a letter in your child's Friday folder with more information.
- If your child is scheduled for carline and is ill, please do not worry about finding a replacement; we will do that. If, however, your child is scheduled for carline and your schedule changes and they can no longer serve, please coordinate with another parent to find a replacement or swap scheduled shifts. If, after you attempt that and aren't successful, please let us know and we can help find the replacement.
- We hope everyone can make it to the Back-to-School picnic tomorrow!
- If you are interested in signing up for the annual 5k/Fun Run, please visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Charlottesville/CharlottesvilleCatholicSchool20thAnnual5k> If you are interested in putting together a foursome for the run, contact Colleen Smith at c.smith@cvillecatholic.org.
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

Calendar/Important Dates

- **Friday, September 30:** Math quiz
- The 1st quarter interim is Friday, September 23.
- CCS will have a Back to School Picnic on Saturday, September 24.
- Teacher Work Day (School Closed)- Monday, October 10.
- Student/Teacher Holiday (School Closed)- Friday, October 21.

- Elementary Day of Service will be October 28.
- Parent Teacher Conferences-11:30 am dismissal-Thursday, November 3 (No Aftercare).
- Parent Teacher Conferences- (School Closed)- Friday, November 4.

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Social Studies

Last week we looked into the early efforts of setting up colonies by the Spanish and English. Next week we will continue to learn about the success and failures of some of the early colonies in North America.

Math

*We will be working on mastering our multiplication table 0-12 and doubles by the end of the 1st 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.

*Students will need to complete (mastery level) Khan Academy *Decimal place value* by the end of the 1st quarter.

This week we worked with prime and composite numbers and divisibility rules. Next week we will be working on understanding and writing exponents and multiplication with zeros.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we started reading *Wonder* and worked on singular/plural nouns. Students also had a spelling test on High-Frequency Word List #2. Next week, we will continue to read *Wonder*, focusing on characterization and point of view. Students are learning to annotate text while reading *Wonder*, to increase reading comprehension. Next week they will also receive a list of spelling/vocabulary words taken from the novel. Unlike the first two lists they've used, this list will focus on the meanings of the words as well as the spelling. The test on those words will be early in the week of October 3. Toward the end of next week, we will also begin working on a unit on defining words in context.

Religion

This week connected our novel study of *Wonder* to religion. Students reflected on what it means to be one of the wonders of God's creation. We also conducted a mini-research activity on the patron saints of Cuba and Ecuador as part of our Hispanic Heritage Month activities. Next week, we will begin our project on the CCS Pillars.

Science

This week we learned about cell structures. Next week we will start learning about plant and animal cells and how living things are classified.