

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

5th Grade 09/03/2021

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- It has been a great week in 5th grade that ended with our Performance Series tests. We have some important events coming up:
 - **Monday, Sept. 6th**, school is closed for Labor Day
 - **Thursday, September 10th** is the virtual elementary grade back to school night
- You may attend the fifth grade Back-to-School night in one of three sessions:
 - 6:50-7:10
 - 7:15-7:35
 - 7:40-8:00
 - The link for each of the sessions is: meet.google.com/hwh-iyck-xic
- As we mentioned last week, students must be in formal dress for Mass days; please check the student handbook for the appropriate uniforms.
- Be sure to check your child's Friday Folder each week for papers that are returned to them. Be aware, however, that we complete many assignments and assessments in Google Classroom, and those are returned to the students electronically. The grades for those assignments will appear in FACTS, so when you see a grade posted there, please ask your child to share those assignments/assessments with you.
- Please be sure your child comes to school everyday with the following:
 - a water bottle (which can be refilled throughout the day)
 - a clean mask
 - any utensils (spoon or fork) needed for the snack or lunch they bring that day

Upcoming Tests and Independent Projects:

- **Thursday, Sept. 9:** Quiz on spelling/vocabulary words
- **Thursday, September 9:** Quiz on SS vocabulary
- **Friday, September 10:** Test over Ordinary Time

Math

This week we worked on reading and writing numbers in relation to place value. Next week we test on our knowledge of place value from billions to the thousandths place and then on to math operations in word problems.

Science

This week we learned about tools that scientists use. We will be reviewing the scientific method and then starting our unit on Life Science.

Social Studies

This week we worked on our Timelines and read about Spanish Exploration. We discussed the 3 G's of exploration to set the stage for British exploration and Colonization. Next week we will discuss the settlement at Jamestown and look at the geography of British Colonization.

Language Arts

This week students took a quiz on common/proper nouns. ***This quiz is in the Friday Folder today. After you review it with your child, please have him/her put it in the Grammar Tab of the binder. This will be a useful study guide for the test on nouns in a few weeks.*** Students also received the first set of spelling/vocabulary words and will have a test on that material next Thursday. They should use the foldable they created this week to study both the spelling and meanings of the words, but if they have misplaced that, there is a PowerPoint on Google Classroom they should use. We started our reading activities with a few short stories this week and will continue that next week. We will then turn to our first novel study, which is *Wonder*. If you have not purchased that novel yet, please do so by the end of next week.

When you check FACTS for your child's language arts homework, all homework for reading, writing/grammar, and spelling will be listed under the reading tab so you only need to check one place.

Religion

We completed our Quilt squares to share with the class. We discussed Mass procedures and participation as well as what our part will be in preparation for Mass. Next week we will continue our study of Ordinary time and focus on learning some of the prayers we say daily in school.