



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter: 9/30/2022



## 5th Grade

### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- The deadline for the 1st quarter IRA (Independent Reading Assessment) is approaching (October 14). For the first and fourth quarters, there is only one IRA due, but there are two for each of the second and third quarters. This is a summary of the process:
  - Students selected a realistic fiction book with Mrs. Furin in the library several weeks ago. They have either finished reading them or should be close to finishing them.
  - There is a Google Slide presentation on Google Classroom/Reading for them to fill out with information about their book. We went over the expectations for these on Monday.
  - This will be graded as a project/test grade.
  - Students generally do a great job with the content on the IRA but often lose points on the following:
    - failing to write in complete sentences
    - failing to capitalize proper nouns or words at the beginning of a sentence
    - failing to use end punctuation
    - misspelling words (including the names of characters or places mentioned in the book)
- Thank you for all the prompt responses to the October carline Sign-Up Genius. We greatly appreciate your support and your child's enthusiasm for this service!

- Mrs. Sperry's homeroom did a great job with Mass this week! My homeroom will be preparing Mass on November 17.
- Join the Alliance Française for one fun-filled hour at CCS! They will be coming to our school on Thursday, October 13th from 3:30-4:30 to play outdoor games in French! This class will fill up fast with only 12 spots available for grades 2-5. Please register at frenchville.org. For questions, please email Michelle Katstra at michelle.afcville@gmail.com.
- Access to FACTS: <https://cc-va.client.renweb.com/pwr/school/>

#### Calendar/Important Dates

- **Tuesday, October 4:** Math quiz (prime factorization & exponents)
- **Wednesday, October 5:** Test on the writing process
- **Thursday, October 6:** Spelling/vocabulary test
- 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.

#### Teacher email addresses

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## Social Studies

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Last week we learned about some of the success and failures of some of the early colonies in North America. Next week we will work on the skill of determining facts from opinions and study the life of William Penn.

## Math

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\*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 on understanding and writing exponents and multiplication with zeros. Next week we will work on using the Distributive Property [ $ax(b+c)=(axb)+(axc)$ ] and rounding numbers.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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This week we continued reading and annotating *Wonder*. We also started working with our first set of spelling/vocabulary words, which are words taken from *Wonder*, pages 1-23. This is the first set of words this year where we are focusing on both the spelling and meaning of the words. Starting in January, we will also focus on the part of speech. This week, students also began working on a personal narrative, and we discussed the writing process. They received a handout that shows the writing process, and this is also posted on Google Classroom/Writing. There will be a test on the writing process next Wednesday. Also next week, we will continue to read *Wonder*, will have a spelling/vocabulary test on Thursday, and will continue to write the rough draft of the personal narrative.

## Religion

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This week we began our project on the CCS Pillars. We will complete those early next week and will present them to our faith buddies. Next week we will also begin a unit on the Rosary.

## Science

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This week we learned about cell structures. Next week we will start learning about plant and animal cells and how living things are classified. There's a great game on Brainpop called Sortify - *Tree of Life* that we will be playing in school and your child can also play at home.