



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter



5th Grade
9/07/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- Our field trip to the Charlottesville Symphony is on October 12th. We will leave CCS at 11 am and return at 1 pm. We need chaperones and hope you will be able to attend this field trip. Drivers need to be Virtus trained and have their insurance information on file with the school.
- We will begin reading *Wonder* in language arts either late next week or early the following week, so if your child does not yet have a copy, please obtain one by then. If there is a problem or concern, please feel free to contact us.

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, September 12:** NE Region states and capitals TEST (*CAPS and spelling count*)
- **Tuesday, September 12:** Mass storyboard due (being done in class)
- **Wednesday, September 13:** Quiz on sentence fragments
- **Thursday, September 14:** Spelling/vocabulary test
- **Friday, September 15:** Math Test: Place Value
- **Friday, September 29th:** Picture Day

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Reading, Writing and Theology

Math, Science and Social Studies

Social Studies

In history we will be learning about early US history and how we came to be a nation. We will have a test on the states and capitals for the NE region of the US. In class we will be focusing on the impact of the Columbian Exchange.

Students in 5th grade will be tested on all US states and their capitals. The states will be chunked by region for learning and mastery. A great way to study the states is found on a free game learning website:

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/geography/usa/50-states-game>

Math

We will continue working with place value from the thousandths to the millions, inequalities and ordering numbers. We will be using place value to round numbers.

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 1st qtr. requirements, due before the end of the quarter are Decimal Place Value, Add Decimals and Subtract Decimals.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we wrapped up our study of "A Package for Mrs. Jewels" with a quiz on Thursday. We also continued with our sentence editing activities and worked with the spelling/vocabulary words. We also worked on sentence fragments, identifying subjects and predicates. Because MAP testing was a little longer than we expected, and it appeared some students needed additional practice with this topic, the quiz on sentence fragments was moved to next Wednesday.

Next week we will continue studying the vocabulary/spelling words and have a test on them on Thursday. In addition, we will read another short story from the *Journeys* anthology, and we will begin our unit on the dictionary either late next week or early the following week. We will also begin reading *Wonder* late next week or early the following week, so if your child does not yet have his/her own copy, please obtain one as soon as possible.

Theology

This week we sat with our Faith Buddies at Mass for the first time and did a great job! We also worked on creating a storyboard on the parts of Mass, which will receive a project grade. This project is due on Tuesday, ***but it is intended that this be completed entirely in class.***

Next week we will focus on the responses we say at Mass.

Science

In science we reviewed scientific method. We will design and test paper air planes in our next lab. Later in the week we will begin learning about plant and animal cells.