



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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#### Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, January 15** - No School in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday
- **Friday, January 19** - 2nd Quarter report cards, Re-enrollment closes
- **January 29-February 2** - Catholic Schools Week

#### Announcements:

Please know that we will be going outside even in the very cold winter months. Our girls can wear navy tights or capris to keep them warm outside. Of course, pants and polos are also a good option. Bare skin on frigid days is a concern. Please help us by helping your child on days they wear a jumper. Thank you!

Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:

- Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

## Social Studies

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This week we started to learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We read our Scholastic News issue focused on Dr. King and started working on a trifold in which we will recall important details of his life.

## Math

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This week we continued working on place value. We introduced the vocabulary expanded form and standard form. We learned that the standard form is just having the number written the "regular way" and how the expanded form shows the value of each number. We also learned how to write numbers to 50 in word form.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### Reading

This week we read *Chameleons are Cool*. We used this nonfiction book to help us discuss Main Idea and Supporting Details. Prior to our Virtual Learning Day and recent snow, we had planned to also discuss Nonfiction Text Features such as Captions, Index, Labels, Headings, Electronic Menu, and Table of Contents. However, we have decided to push this into next week. We will continue using the same book as well as other Chameleon-related texts and resources to practice these skills.

### Grammar

Rather than introduce a new grammar skill next week, we will instead focus on Nonfiction Text Features and review previously taught skills (i.e., capitalization, punctuation, verb tenses, synonyms, and other conventions in our writing).

### Writing

This week our writing centered around Main Idea and Supporting Details. We practiced identifying the main idea from various texts and then compared that to supporting types of sentences. We also wrote descriptive sentences about what we learned from the nonfiction texts and topics (chameleons). Writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing and dictation of sentences continued as well.

## Theology

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In Theology, we began a unit on sacraments. We learned a song to help us remember the seven sacraments, talked about how the sacraments are a gift from God that give us the grace we need to live holy lives, and took a closer look at the Sacraments of Initiation.

## Science

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This week we finished our study of the seasons and day/night. We learned about how a day has 24 hours in it and how we spend some of those hours with the sun and some with the moon. We also discussed some things that we typically do during those hours. We then played a "Toothy" game in which we worked as teams and answered questions about what we learned to see if we could fill the child's whole mouth with teeth.

# Other Information

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## **Colder Weather is here!**

Please make sure that your child brings something warm and long sleeve to school each day (e.g., jacket, sweatshirt, sweater). We will continue to go outside, weather permitting, for recess, lunch, and snack as much as we can.

## **Winter Dress**

This means we are no longer wearing shorts and ankle socks. Girls must also be in navy knee highs, navy leggings, or navy tights. Please have your child try on their uniform pants to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and shipping delays.

## **Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)**

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

## **Specials Schedule**

Monday - Art and Music    Tuesday - Library & Mass    Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Library    Friday - Music

## **Dress Uniform**

Boys - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks  
NO white.

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

## **Homework (M-TH)**

**Math**- Math Spiral Review #15

**Reading**- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. FOR FUN! Reading Advent calendar :) See how many you can complete.

**ELA**- ELA Spiral Review #15

**Religion**- Practice Our Father Prayer