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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

Dear 4th Grade Parents,

It has been quite a fantastic week. Now that we have settled back into our normal routine, we have many exciting things to look forward to in the near future. Catholic Schools week, our field trip to the Science Museum of Virginia, and Passion Play auditions are just around the corner. Please keep in mind that MAP Winter assessments begin next week. It is our hope that the children get plenty of rest, and eat a hearty breakfast to be well equipped for testing. We have officially reached the halfway point in our year, and look forward to the continued growth and success of the children. Thank you as always for your support and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Announcements

- Please make sure that your child's uniforms fit properly and guidelines regarding hair, makeup, and jewelry are being followed. Additionally, it is imperative that your child comes to school in proper outerwear for recess. Coats, hats, and gloves are required for the winter months. We truly appreciate your support.
- VIRTUS Training- If you would like to volunteer to work with students at CCS, or chaperone field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained. The next VIRTUS training session will be Saturday, January 28, at the CCS Library from 1:00-4:00. Capacity is limited to 30 people. You may register at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0
- Battle of the Books- Does your child love to read and compete? St. Edward-Epiphany will be hosting a Battle of the Books this spring. They are hoping to have it on Friday, April 28. We are hoping to have a team for grades 3-5 and a team for grades 6-8. Each team will consist of four to six students. Students would take responsibility for reading books from a [list](#) and then compete in a Family Feud-style competition with students from other schools. If your child would like to compete, please reach out to Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org. She will organize which books each student will read and coordinate for the competition day.
- Music News: Fourth grade students will learn the recorder, starting at the end of January or the beginning of February. The school will be ordering them for the students. It is important that every student has their own recorder to prevent germs from spreading, so all recorders and cases will be labeled with students' names. Recorders for fourth grade will be kept in their cases in the music room.

- As we have several students with peanut allergies in 4th grade, please be conscientious of them when packing snacks/lunches.
- Please remember that the only accepted variations of the navy blue uniform pants come from FlynnO'Hara, and Lands End.
- Contact emails: a.burgin@cvillecatholic.org a.taleghani@cvillecatholic.org

Calendar/Important Dates:

- January 16, 2023- School Closed
- January 17 & 18, 2023- MAP Testing- Math testing will take place on Tuesday at 10 am and reading testing will take place on Wednesday at 1 pm.
- January 28, 2023- VIRTUS Training (Parent Volunteers for field trips must be VIRTUS trained)
- February 21, 2023- Field Trip to Richmond Science Museum (Please email your child's homeroom teacher if you are interested in volunteering to chaperone. Thank you to those who have already volunteered! We are still in need of more volunteers.)

Social Studies

This week in Social Studies, students began chapter 4. This chapter focuses on life in the Virginia colony from the 1620's-1760's. We will finish up this chapter next week.

There will be a test over chapter 4 on Thursday, January 19.

Math

In Math this week we took our Chapter 6 test on Division. The kids enjoyed learning various strategies for division, and mastering long division with the standard algorithm. We will continue to work on multi-step word problems that incorporate a variety of operations. Next week we will begin Chapter 7 on Patterns and Sequences.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in Language Arts, students presented their research project which focused on natural disasters! The students gave incredible presentations that demonstrated not only their new found knowledge of natural disasters, but also new writing skills that they have developed over the last 2 months.

We also began a mini poetry unit this week. Next week, we will continue this unit.

Religion

In Religion we took our Unit 2 Lesson 9 quiz. We began Unit 2 Lesson 10- "How are we strengthened for service to God and others?" We reflected on the meaning of the Sacraments at the service of Communion- Matrimony and Holy orders. We reflected on ways we serve our family and shared great things we intend to do with our lives to better understand both of these vocations.

Our Unit 2 Lesson 10 quiz and the Unit 2 Religion test are scheduled for the week of January 23rd.

Science

In Science this week we took our Chapter 6 test on energy transfer in ecosystems. We look forward to beginning Chapter 7 next week which will transition us from the Life Science portion of our curriculum to Earth science. We will be exploring the impact of the rock cycle on earth's ever-changing surface to topics like the water cycle, planets, and other objects in space.