



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- **School Mass**
Starting February 7, Mass will be held on **Tuesdays**.
- **Field Trip**
Third Grade Field Trip: Monticello- May 17th. More details to follow next month.
 - We will need nine drivers, so we have three students in each car.
- **Uniforms**
Please make sure that uniforms fit properly and guidelines regarding hair, makeup, and jewelry are being followed. It is also imperative that your child comes to school in proper outerwear for recess, or they may need to stay inside. If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students need a coat, and it is encouraged that their heads are covered.
- **Volunteering at CCS**
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, 1/28, at the CCS Library from 1:00-4:00. 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 email Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org. She'll organize which books each student will read and coordinate the competition day. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w4RPPIGw43FwSup6iba73icmcCTFHMHU/view?usp=share_link
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2022-2023**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HjgF59yh1nnTDitj7-o9xBbmia9KWB3S/view?usp=sharing>

Calendar/Important Dates:

- Friday, 1/20 - 2nd Quarter Report Cards Available on FACTS
- Sunday, 1/29 - 2/4 - Catholic Schools Week

Teacher email addresses:

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Science

This week students will learn the process of photosynthesis and learn the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. Students will be completing a vocabulary foldable to be used as a study guide for their chapter test on plants.

Next week we will complete our plant unit. Students will be introduced to vertebrates and invertebrates and what they need from their ecosystems to survive.

Social Studies

This week students will learn about ancient civilizations, beginning with Egypt. They will learn about the contributions ancient people made and the effect they have on our present world.

Next week students will learn terms to know; ancient, architecture, and inventions along with Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Math

This week students will learn strategies for subtracting three digit numbers and four digit numbers with regrouping, estimating to the nearest ten and hundred and problem solving strategies.

Next week students will continue to work on subtracting three and four digit numbers with regrouping. We will be working on our problem solving four step method when working solving a word problem.

Websites:

- **Username and passwords are located in students' agenda for Study Island.**
- **StudyIsland.com**
- **Math Trainer- addition, subtraction Fluency Practice : no username or password is required.**

Language Arts/Writing

This Week:

This week we reviewed the following Grammar, Word Study, and Affix Skills:

-Daily Grammar Review: Adverbs and Adjectives

- Word Study: We took a Spelling Inventory Assessment this week to measure growth with individual spelling patterns. We previously took this assessment in the fall and will do so again in the Spring.
- Suffixes: Introduced - sub, ness; Reviewed - y, mis, able/ible, ion, er, est, ly, ing, e/es, ed, un, re
- Paragraph Writing (New Year's Resolutions) - Peer Reviewed

Next Week:

- Daily Grammar Review: Comparative and Superlative Adjectives (warmer and warmest)
- Word Study: Diphthong oi and ou Vowel Team Syllables (Also known as gliding vowels where the vowel team makes two separate vowel sounds within one syllable)
- Suffixes: Introduce - pre, ment; Review - sub, ness, y, mis, able/ible, ion, er, est, ly,
- Writing
 - Paragraph Writing (New Year's Resolutions) - Continue Peer Review
 - Comparing and Contrasting

Homework:

- Word Study (M-Th) - 10 min. Students do not need to turn anything in.

Reading

This Week:

- We took the MAP Reading Assessment (Fall, **Winter**, Spring)
- We also completed additional Reading assessments throughout the week such as Oral Reading Fluency and other foundational skills.
- We continued using CLOSE reading strategies such as annotating text, Paragraph chunking, Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then, and Graphic Organizers to support the comprehension of various texts related to the Inuit people and our readings from last week.

Learning Ally - read.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud Book options, similar to Epic, but can be accessed at home at no additional cost to you.
Username - For example - t.little@cvillecatholic.org or ti.little@cvillecatholic.org (Student email)
Password - For example - catholic1234 (catholic + last 4 of Student ID)

Next Week:

- Featured Story: *My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother & Rotten Richie and the Ultimate Dare* - Fiction
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogoEppqfdVaw>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYQJhV0hwBE>
- Focus Skills: Compare and Contrast two texts by same author
- We will also read and discuss several other related texts, applying Close Reading strategies to help breakdown and aid in comprehension.

Not Homework but Recommended:

Nightly Reading (M-Th) - Approximately 20 min. Students should indicate the number of minutes read each night/week in their planner.

Religion

This Week: We continued talking about the season of Ordinary Time, which students have pointed out as being “just ordinary,” and discussed what we can do to keep Jesus front and center in our lives, despite the lack of a big celebration like Christmas or Easter.

Next Week: Next week we will work through Chapter 6 (How does God share his life with us?) in our Christ In Us workbook. We will also review the parts of the Mass again and prepare for 3rd Grade’s leading of Mass on **Tuesday**, February 7 (Mr. Little’s Homeroom).

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PTO

MEETING



Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Coffee
Pastries
Fellowship
Community

8:10 AM in the
CCS Cafeteria

The PTO has some exciting events planned for 2023!
Come learn about how you can be involved!