



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

1/5/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- 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.**
- The Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program. Students read books and then compete in a team trivia-style competition. The Diocese of Richmond has tentatively set a date for Wednesday, March 29 for schools to participate. We will have a grades 3-5 team and a 6-8 team. If your child would like to participate, please email Mrs. DeVane (l.devane@cvillecatholic.org).
 - [3-5 Book List](#)
 - [6-8 Book List](#)
- **PLEASE NOTE** : Our field trip to Montcello is scheduled for March 15th, 2024. Details will follow in January. We are excited to be going on a field trip this year and we're looking forward to having parent chaperones.! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link:
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the
- Monday, January 15th- School is closed, MLK Day
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing

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Social Studies

This week students will explore Europe and learn about Greece, the Mediterranean Sea, the Alps, and the Italian Peninsula. Students will draw and label the geographic features on a map and glue it into their passport.

- I will be sending home a study guide on the continents and their geographic features in their Friday Folder. The test will be on Tuesday, January 16th

Next week students will begin their project on developing a Travel Advertisement for our five continents.

Math

This week students will learn strategies for subtracting two and three digit numbers using regrouping and estimation. Students will also be introduced to inverse operation and work on their subtraction fluency and accuracy.

Next week students will learn strategies for subtracting two four digit numbers by using the regrouping process and estimation. They will work on using their mental math strategies on the math trainer website for subtraction to strengthen their fluency and accuracy.

- MATH WEBSITES:
www.studyisland.com - use student username and password to access Study Island.
www.mathsisfun.com - for increasing addition/subtraction fluency and accuracy.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We kicked off the new year with a new writing activity. Students learned about what resolutions are, the practice of making them at the beginning of a new year, and then began organizing and planning to write about a resolution of their own next week.

Next Week:

-Writing: "My New Year's Resolution" - Students will write 1 paragraph following the writing process (including pre-writing, drafting, revising/editing, and a final published copy).

-Grammar:

-*Workbook-Review Section 5:* Identify Adjectives (5.1-5.2), Subject Complements (5.3, 5.4), Comparing Adj. (5.5-5.6), How Many (5.7), and Proper Adjectives and Noun-Adjectives (5.10-5.11) - **Test on Fri 1/20**

-*Mentor Sentence* (Focus: Compound Predicate, Descriptive) - **Quiz on Fri 1/12**

-*Owl Moon*

Then the owl pumped its great wings and lifted off the branch like a shadow without sound.

-Old: No Words Assigned - **No Quiz Next Week**

-New: Word Study (Spelling): Long o/Vowel Team Syllables (**coast**, **throw**, **gold**) - Assigned on Wed 1/10

-Featured Story: *The Carpenter's Gift* - (Focus: Inferences) - **Quiz 1/12**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIYIIMPOfQ>

Learning Ally **The featured story for the week is NOT available**

-portal.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud/Audiobook 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)

Theology

This Week:

Christ In Us Workbook - Lesson 6 - Read, discussed, and completed activities together as a class. We also Introduced the Tenant of the Month for January (Stewardship), read about Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, and students created their own Paschal Candle.

Next Week:

We will continue working in our Christ In Us Workbook (Lesson 7).

Science

This week students will learn the order of the planets in our solar system, the differences of the inner and outer planets, sun, and constellations. They will complete their vocabulary foldable booklet involving the solar system. Students will illustrate and label the planets in the solar system as they orbit the sun on construction paper.

Next week students will complete their poster of the solar system. They will begin their solar system project by researching their assigned object in our solar system.