



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

January 5, 2024

Dear 4th Grade Families,

Happy New Year! We had a wonderful, short week in 4th grade this week. We are so excited for what the new year will bring and are so appreciative of your support. Have a wonderful weekend!

All the best,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- 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](#)
- 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.**

Important Dates

- Monday, January 8, 2024- Field Trip to Our Lady of the Angels Monastery
- Friday, January 12, 2024- 11:30 Dismissal/End of 2nd Quarter
- Monday, January 15, 2025- MLK Day (School Closed)
- Thursday, January 18, 2024- MAP Test (Reading)
- Wednesday, January 24, 2024- MAP Test (Math)

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Social Studies

This week in SS, we began a short, new chapter on how Virginia grew in the 1600-1700's. This is an exciting chapter in which students will learn about agriculture, the different groups of people that made up early Virginia, and the day to day lives of Virginia citizens.

The test for this chapter is currently scheduled for next Thursday, January 11.

Science

This week in Science the kids presented their collaborative google slides presentation on their assigned body system. I was so proud of their hard work as researchers! We learned about tissues and organs, the digestive system, the respiratory system, the circulatory system and about the composition of our blood. We will continue to learn about how our bodies get oxygen and nutrients, and how we think and move next week.

The Ch. 4 Test is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th.

Math

This week in Math we did a spiral review of the skills we learned in Units 1-7. We reviewed our knowledge of multiplication and division strategies, place value concepts, addition and subtraction algorithms, number patterns like factors and multiples, and general word problem fluency. We look forward to diving into fraction equivalence in Unit 8.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students began a new unit in which students will learn how to write their own realistic fiction stories! We will also read *Because of Winn Dixie* as a mentor text while in this unit.

Theology

This week in Theology we have been focused on our sacraments of service (Holy Orders and Matrimony) in Unit 2 Lesson 10: "How are we strengthened for service to God and others?" We look forward to visiting Our Lady of the Angels monastery on Monday to enrich our study of service through religious life. We have come to better understand capacities in which we can serve both today and in our future, as we've addressed the things we are called to do and identified the ways we can use these vocations to better serve our community.

There will be a Unit 2 Lesson 10 quiz on Wednesday, January 10th.

There will be a Unit 2 Theology test on Friday, January 12th.