

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates:

- October 17 Bilingual Mass
- October 20 End of 1st Quarter, 11:30am dismissal
- October 20 National Day of Service
- October 27 1st Quarter Report Cards
- October 31 Halloween parade (timing TBD, typically shortly after carline)
- November 1 All Saints Day Mass

Announcements:

The end of the first quarter is quickly approaching (next Friday, October 20). This day is an 11:30AM dismissal day (no lunch) so that teachers may work on report cards. Junior Kindergarten Extended Day will not be offered on October 20; STEAM Aftercare will still be in session. Report cards will be released on Friday, October 27.

Yearbook and school photos are now available to order. The information to login and order was sent home in an envelope in your youngest child's backpack on Tuesday. Please let Mr. Seibert know if you have any questions or did not receive the information. If you'd like to request retakes, we will have an opportunity to take new photos on Tuesday, October 17. Please email Mrs. Fowlkes (ch.fowlkes@cvillecatholic.org) to get on the retake schedule.

Day of Service: As a Christian school, we are called to serve others as Jesus would want us to. CCS works to instill compassion for others and prepare the students to be stewards and leaders. To aid in this mission, each fall we engage in a Day of Service as a school. This year, the elementary (K-5) day will be on Friday, October 20. For their service, First Grade will be doing a Christmas craft for Blue Star Families. A few volunteers are needed that day @ 9 to 10am (STEM

Lab) to help the students assemble candy cane ornaments. If you are able, please sign up to participate:

1st Grade Day of Service Activity

Social Studies

This week we started learning about how we can be a good citizen. We learned that we can be a good citizen of our country, school, and classroom.

Math

This week we started our unit on addition within 10. We learned some important vocabulary like addend and sum. We also learned some strategies to help us solve addition problems (counting on, part part whole, drawing a picture, using a number bond, and adding on a ten frame). Next week we will continue learning about addition.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *If Your Monster Won't Go To Bed*. We learned how to retell the story using key details from the text such as characters, setting, and important events from the story. Next week we will read *Pumpkin Soup*, and focus on asking and answering questions and rhyme, rhythm, and repetition.

<u>Grammar</u>

This week we introduced and practiced adjectives (describing words). We did several activities using adjectives in sentences and sorting adjectives and nouns. Next week we will talk about exclamatory sentences (!).

Writing

This week we wrote about our story, If Your Monster Won't Go To Bed, we wrote about how we would get our monster to go to sleep. We also practiced our writing skills during Daily 5 writing activities.

Theology

In Theology this week, our fifth grade faith buddies helped to map the birthplace of and read about our selected saints. Then, students wrote interesting facts about their saints to complete their reports. We will hang their reports in the hallway for the next few weeks and will send them home next month. They turned out great! We, also, learned about the four marks of the church, what they mean, and how we (God's people) are the Church!

Science

We focused on social studies this week.

Other Information

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

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

<u>Girls</u>- 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- Complete Spiral Math Review 6

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. Additionally, for each completed book, your child will color in their reading log for the month (e.g. October = Candy).

ELA- Complete Spiral ELA Review 6 **Religion-** Practice Hail Mary Prayer