

# Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 10/15/2021

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

### Teacher Emails

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### Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, October 18th - \$1 or more Donation = Free Dress Day**  
As Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) continues to respond to the Afghan refugee crisis, they need our help! Students can earn a free dress day for a minimum donation of \$1.00 and all donations raised will help refugee families rebuild their lives in Virginia. Please have your students bring in their donations on Monday.
- **Friday, October 22nd - Mass (Students should be in formal dress uniforms)**  
Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>  
\*See below for a breakdown of proper dress uniform\*
- **Friday, October 22nd - End of 1st Quarter - 11:30 Dismissal**
- **Monday, October 25th - 27th - Book Fair**  
Students will have an opportunity to purchase books with their class during the school day. The Book Fair will also be open from 3 to 4:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, November 4, and Friday, November 5 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual)**  
Thursday is an 11:30 a.m. dismissal and there is no school for students that Friday. The sign-ups for conferences will be in the Tuesday Teller, October 19.
- **Monday, November 8th - Blue & Gold Day (Not Every Monday)**
- **Tuesday, November 9th - School Pictures (1st Grade)**  
All students (with the exception of those in JK) are to be in their formal dress uniforms for pictures.

## Curriculum

### Math

This week we continued our Addition Unit. We reviewed addition-related vocabulary such as add, addends, parts and whole (number bonds), how many more, sum, join, and in all. We learned how to add using a number line- starting on the first number in our addition number sentence and jumping the amount of times the second number shows ex: 9+5 start on 9 hop 5 spaces. Next week, we will continue using addition strategies such as using doubles to add and adding in any order.

## Reading and Language Arts

### Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *If Your Monster Won't Go To Bed*. This book featured a young girl who learned the steps to get a monster to fall asleep. Strong adjectives and verbs along with vivid details were on full display and helped to tell this story. Our reading focus this week centered around key details of a story such as characters, setting, and events (plot). Next week, we will read *Pumpkin Soup*, and focus on asking and answering questions and the use of rhythm, rhyme and repetition found in writing.

### Grammar

This week we focused on strong adjectives (colorful, describing words) and the effect these words can have on our writing. We completed several activities identifying and sorting adjectives as well as connecting these words to nouns. Next week we will talk about punctuating our sentences, specifically exclamations.

### Word Study/Spelling

We practiced sorting our words and chunking syllables, focused on the consonant sound /g/, which can be spelled as g (get and bag) and gh (ghost and spaghetti), and took our weekly spelling quiz. Next week students will receive a new word sort (spelling list).

### Writing

This week we wrote about our story, *If Your Monster Won't Go To Bed*. We incorporated adjectives into our writing as we described our very own monster. We also practiced our writing skills during Daily 5 writing activities.

## Religion

This week we started our Mary interactive notebook. We read a story, completed a coloring page, KWL chart, and a Mary story square. Next week we will continue learning about Mary and will sequence the story on Mary in our notebooks, complete a story wheel and complete a Mary faith brainstorm.

## Science/ Social Studies

We discussed how scientists use notebooks to write down questions, answers, information, and observations. This helps them to understand the world around them. We talked about how scientists make observations by looking around the world they live in. We learned that scientists put things in order and that this is called sequencing. We then put the steps of making cookies in order in our science notebooks.

## Homework (M - Th)

For the week of: 10/18-10/22

**Math-** 1st Quarter Week 3 Math Sheet - Complete one activity each night (M - Th).

**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 books = candy corn). Don't forget the monthly reading challenge that was included in the binder as well. These activities are designed to motivate readers/encourage students to have fun with reading. It's optional, but highly recommended.

**Word Study/Spelling-** Students should sort their Word Study/Spelling words each night as well as work on 3 activities total of their choosing from the Weekly Spelling Menu (M - Th, 10 min./night).

**Religion-** Stay Tuned

# Notes From the Classroom

## **Snack (8:30)/ Lunch(11:30)**

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Just as a reminder we cannot give out food or plastic utensils to children this year. Also, please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Both First Grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. **\*Please make sure that water bottles only contain water. We have had a few juice/ sports drink spills and they become rather messy.\***

## **Masks and Water Bottles**

We cannot give out extra masks to students. Please make sure to pack an extra mask or two in your child's bag. Please make sure that students are bringing a water bottle to school daily. We do not have access to a water fountain and do not have disposable water bottles at school for the students to have.

## **Specials Schedule**

Monday - Library Tuesday - Art Wednesday - Art and Music

Thursday-P.E. and Music Friday - Mass and Library

## **CCS School Calendar (August - December 2021)**

[CCS School Calendar August-December 2021](#)

## **Dress Uniform**

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

Girls- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks **NO** white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

## **Blue & Gold Days (Not Every Monday)**

Please check the calendar above for designated Blue & Gold Days. There has been some confusion about this.

## **Monthly Scholastic Book Orders**

<https://clubs.scholastic.com>

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