



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, October 23** - CCS Night at Buffalo Wild Wings, 5:00-8:00pm
- **Thursday, October 24** - Speaker Series, Social Emotional Learning, 7:00pm
- **Friday, October 25** - 1st Quarter Report Cards
- **Tuesday, October 29** - No Mass/formal dress
- **Thursday, October 31** - JK-2 Halloween Parade following morning carline
- **Friday, November 1** - Mass/formal dress, Solemnity of All Saints
- **Friday, November 1** - Saint Paper Bag Puppets, STEM Lab
- **Friday, November 8** - Mother/Son Game Night, 6:00-8:00pm
- **Thursday, November 21** - Service Project/Field Trip at Church of the Incarnation
- **Wednesday, December 4** - Field Trip to the Children's Museum of Richmond

School Announcements:

- Our first Speaker Series session for this year will be presented by Mrs. Marie Decker, our Social Emotional Learning Specialist. From CASEL.org: *"Social-emotional learning helps all young people thrive personally and academically, develop and maintain positive relationships, become life-long learners, and contribute to a more caring, just world."* Join us on Thursday, October 24 at 7:00PM as Mrs. Decker presents "Supporting the Whole Child-Why SEL?". At this session, you will learn about the five competencies (self-awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, relationship building, and social awareness), and how they are related to school, family, and community, in order to support the whole child and their success in the academic setting. RSVP using the link below. *****Please note that this is an adult-only event, and childcare will not be provided. *****

[October 24 Speaker Series RSVP](#)

Thursday, October 31, will be our **Halloween Parade for students in JK-2nd Grade**. The parade will be held at approximately 8:15AM, directly after morning rosary. JK-2 parents are welcome to join us! Parents may stand on the sidewalk or on the blacktop, if we are able to be outside. It is not necessary to come into the building **Students in JK-2** may wear an appropriate Halloween costume to school, but they must be able to remove it, and be in their school uniform, if it is uncomfortable or distracting. Masks and props are not permitted, and students should be in their school approved shoes.

- CCS Moms (or Grandmas or Aunts), grab your JK-5th grade son(s) and favorite board/card game and join us for the inaugural Mother/Son Game Night! [Sign up here](#) to join us on Friday, November 8 from 6:00 to 8:00PM. Snacks will be served.
- Join us on **Wednesday, October 23 from 5:00 to 9:00pm for CCS Night at Buffalo Wild Wings!** Just tell your server you are with CCS (and if you are with Team Blue or Gold) and 15% of your net food purchase will be donated back to our school. Take out orders count too – just let the cashier know when you pick up your order that it is part of CCS Spirit Night. We hope to see you there!

Teacher's Messages/Announcements:

- Throughout the month of October, students will be researching and writing about a saint of their choosing. To celebrate the Feast of All Saints, they will be making a paper bag puppet of their chosen saint in the STEM Lab on November 1st. We still need a couple more parent volunteers to help us with this activity. [Please consider signing up to join us!](#)
- Brrrr...it's getting cold outside! We go outside for recess twice a day and students will be eating snack and lunch outside, as well, so please be sure to bundle up your student before school each morning!

Social Studies

This week we started talking about how to be a good citizen both in our school community and our home community. We talked about rules vs laws and how they are similar and different and how we can make solutions to problems we encounter in our communities.

Math

This week we continued our unit on addition within 10. We learned how to find missing addends, friends of 10, adding on a number line, the associative property of addition and balanced equations. Next week we will continue learning about addition. We will finish working on addition within 10 and will start learning addition within 20.

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.

Grammar

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

This week, we began completing work on our saints projects. We talked about the special job of each saint (intercession!), what a feast day is and why we celebrate it on the day a saint dies, and how saints have special groups of people they like to pray for (patronage). I can't wait for you to see their completed work! It will stay on our wall in the JK-2 hallway throughout the first couple weeks of November, so if you happen to be in the building, come check it out! Otherwise, it will be coming home in a few weeks!

Science

This week we focused on social studies.

Other Information

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)

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 - Library & Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art Friday - Music

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.

Homework (M-TH)

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and

should be done EVERY night!