



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

10/20/23

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- We are excited to be going on **field trips** this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! 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
- **The deadline for selecting your child's yearbook picture and ordering prints is Monday, October 23.** We cannot guarantee delivery of prints before Thanksgiving for orders submitted after October 23. If you do not select a picture to be used in the yearbook, one will be selected for you.
- **Tuesday, October 31**, will be our Halloween Parade for students in JK-2nd Grade, and Halloween Tag Day for students in 3rd-8th. The parade will be held at 8:15am. JK-2 parents are welcome to join us--we will have you line up along the sidewalk and blacktop as long as we are able to be outside; you do not need 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.

For Tag Day, students in grades 3-8 must be in their uniforms, but may wear Halloween-themed accessories. Parameters for those accessories are as follows:

- **Allowed:** socks, belts, earrings, necklace, ribbons, bracelets, headbands with stabilized decor (i.e. cat ears)
 - **Not Allowed:** hats, sunglasses, wigs, masks, t-shirts, headbands with flying objects, anything flashing, teeth/fangs, costumes
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing

Teacher email addresses

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Social Studies

This week students will explore South America and learn about the geographic features. They will begin with The Amazon River and the Amazon Rainforest. Students will identify both geographic features on a map of South America.

Next week students will learn facts about The Amazon River, Amazon Rainforest, and the Andes Mountain range. Students will identify all geographic features on a map of South America.

Math

This week students will compare and order numbers using the greater than, less than, and equal to signs, up to the hundred thousands place. They will be introduced to strategies on how to round three digit numbers to the nearest ten.

Next week students will learn strategies on how to round three and four digit numbers to the nearest ten and hundred. They will also be introduced to a four step plan on solving word/story problems.

- We are still in need of donations of gently used toys, games, pencil sharpeners, erasers, note pads, stickers.
- MATH WEBSITES:
www.studyisland.com - use student username and password to access Study Island.
www.mathtrainer.com - for increasing addition/subtraction fluency and accuracy.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We continued looking at Compound Sentences and were introduced to Vivid Verbs through our Mentor Sentence for the week. We also practiced crafting compound sentences and used vivid verbs in our own writing. Our read aloud this week had some rather odd, but unique, creature features (locate nonfiction facts and details) that we learned help the different animals survive.

Next Week:

-Grammar:

- Workbook - Review Section 4: Verbs (4.1-4.4: Action, Being, Helping, and Principal Parts)
- Section 4: Verbs (4.9-4.10 Present and Past, 4.15 Linking/Being Verbs)

-Mentor Sentence (Focus: Vivid Verbs) - **Quiz on Fri 10/27**

[The first drops plop down big, making dust dance all around us.](#)

-Old: Word Study (Spelling): Open Syllables (**bacon** & **event**) - **Quiz on Wed 10/25**

-New: Word Study (Spelling): Vowel-Consonant-e Syllables (back|**bone**) - Assigned on Wed 10/25

-Featured Story: [Substitute Creacher](#) - (Focus: Predictions/Foreshadowing) - **Quiz on Fri 10/27**

[-https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvRCGhojVr0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvRCGhojVr0)

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:

We finished up our St. Michael Prayer Posters and spent time learning about each part of the Mass and preparing for 3rd Grade to lead Mass on Tuesday, October 24th. We also continued learning about and praying the Rosary as well as completed activities around the "Miracle of the Sun" and Our Lady of Fatima.

Next Week:

Charlottesville Catholic School will present a sexual abuse prevention program, the *Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children* program, to our students next week. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children*® program developed the *Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children* program. This program is required by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond as outlined in the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* as a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

One lesson per semester will be presented to all students at Charlottesville Catholic School. Each lesson will be approximately 45 minutes in length and for 3rd grade will cover Physical Boundaries - Safe Touching Rules (Lesson 1-Fall) and Safe Adults, Safe Touches, and Special Safe Adults (Lesson 2-Spring). We encourage you to read the *Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide* so that you are aware of the nature of the *Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children* program. To ensure the school and family connection remains strong, we will communicate the exact date of each lesson prior to the lesson being taught.

If you have questions about the program or the lessons, please contact Vada Fallica at (434) 964-0400 or v.fallica@cvillecatholic.org. For more information on the *Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children* program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org

Science

This week students will learn how the earth and moon interact in our solar system. They will begin by learning the different phases of the moon, and the difference between a solar and lunar eclipse.

- [Third grade will be taking care of our small school garden. We need donations of various garden tools, shovels, and children's garden gloves to maintain our garden area.](#)

Next week students will begin by learning about a solar and lunar eclipse. They will also be introduced to the order of planets in our solar system.

- [Homework: Students will track the moon for four weeks beginning on Oct. 16th-Nov.11th.](#)