



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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#### Upcoming Dates:

**Thursday, October 27-** Mass (Students must be in dress uniform)/ First Grade School Picture Day

**Friday, October 28-** 1st Quarter Report Cards/ JK-5 Day of Service (See note below)

**Monday, October 31-** Halloween Parade (See note below)

**Thursday, November 3 and Friday, November 4-** Parent/ Teacher Conferences

#### Announcements:

##### Halloween-

Monday, 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!

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.

##### Day of Service-

One of our projects for the elementary Day of Service on October 28 is to make bags for The Haven to hand out. The goal for each grade is to collect 100 of their designated item by October 25 so that bags can be assembled. Please see the chart below for grade-level items. All items will be collected by homeroom teachers.

JK- Gallon sized bags

K- Travel size shampoo

1- Travel size body wash

2- Travel size body lotion

- 3- Travel size deodorant
- 4- Travel size toothpaste
- 5- Toothbrushes
- 6- Pocket tissues and wipes
- 7- Washcloths
- 8- Disposable razors

## Social Studies

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## Math

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This week we practiced making groups of 10, identifying the value of multiple sets, building counting and writing numbers to 19, and drawing base 10 blocks to represent numbers to 50. Next week we will continue our study on place value and work with numbers to 99.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *Pumpkin Soup*. This book tells the story of three friends (Cat, Squirrel, and Duck) who must learn to navigate the difficulties that come with friendships. We focused on literary devices such as rhythm, rhyme, and repetition, which the story uses for effect. Next week we will read *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures* and explore the connections between individuals and ideas.

### Grammar

This week we focused on punctuating our sentences. We did several activities where we identified the appropriate ending punctuation (question vs. exclamation). We also practiced building and sorting sentences with the proper sentence structure (nouns, verbs, adjectives). Next week we will talk about putting words in ABC order.

### Writing

This week we wrote about our story, *Pumpkin Soup*, and pumpkins. Inspired by the story, we practiced adding repetition, rhythm and rhyme to our own writing. We also crafted question-sentences and exclamation-sentences. We continued practicing our writing skills during Daily 5 writing activities as well.

## Religion

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This week we continued talking about Mary. We reflected on how Mary was a hero and how we could be a hero like Mary, we brainstormed four ways to be faithful like Mary and then illustrated one of the ways and we sorted facts about Mary into true and false pockets in our religion interactive notebook. Next week we will finish up our study of Mary.

# Science

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This week we continued our unit on plants. During this unit we will learn about what plants need, the parts of a plant, the plant life cycle and we will start to observe a bean during the growing process.

## Other Information

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### **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 classroom is nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

### **Specials Schedule**

Monday - Library    Tuesday - Art and Music    Wednesday - P.E. and Art

Thursday-Mass and Library    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.

### **Colder Weather is here!**

Please make sure that your child brings something warm and long sleeve to school each day (e.g., jacket, sweatshirt, sweater). We will continue to go outside, weather permitting, for morning recess, lunch recess, and snack as much as we can.

### **Homework (M-Th)**

**For the week of: 10/24-10/28**

**Math**- 1st Quarter Week 6

**Reading**- read for 15 min./night. Additionally, for each completed book, your child will color in their reading log for the month (e.g., September books = apples). 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**- **Monday**: Cut and sort words (keep them in the pencil pouch in your binder), **Tuesday**: Sort your words- write and illustrate 8 words, **Wednesday**: Sort your words- choose 4 words to use in a sentence (try your best with the spelling of words), **Thursday**: Glue your words onto the sorting mat that came home on Monday.

**Religion**- Practice the Our Father Prayer