



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- **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:

- Please note: we do not have Mass on Tuesday, October 29. Mass next week will be on Friday, November 1 for the Solemnity of All Saints.
- **Lost & Found:** The Lost & Found is piling up! In addition to student items, there are several items that have been left by adults after events. Please make sure that student belongings (especially CCS-branded ones) are labeled. If you or your child are missing something, please come in and check the Lost & Found.



- 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.

Teacher's Messages/Announcements:

- Field trip permission forms for 12/4/24 to the Children's Museum of Richmond are in student's red folders in their binder. **Please fill out the permission form and return it by 10/25/24.** Unlike our field trip on 11/21, we do have to limit the number of chaperones for this field trip. We will be giving priority to chaperones who can take at least 3 students in their car. As soon as we've collected all permission slips and made groups, we will notify chaperones. We will, also, have a backup chaperone, as well, in case a parent has to cancel at the last minute. You are, also, welcome to drive your student to and from our field trip, but you won't be able to join us during the field trip unless you are a chaperone. Thank you for understanding!
- Turkey time is coming! We've sent home a fun craftivity for you and your student. Students will be disguising the turkeys sent home in their binders so that nobody knows they are turkeys. They are welcome to use any crafting materials they can find. We can't wait to see what they come up with! **Send turkeys back to our classroom by 11/4 so we can display them during November.**

- 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 continued talking about being a good citizen. We talked about conflicts and resolutions as well as authority figures. Next week we will finish our unit on being a good citizen and move on to elections.

Math

This week we continued our unit on addition and moved onto addition within 20. We learned about adding doubles (2 of the same number- 8+8, 9+9, etc). We also talked about number bonds, bar models, and adding 1 more and 2 more. Next week we will continue our addition unit and we will talk about making ten, adding to 20 on a number line, the commutative property, and word problems to 20.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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.

Theology

This week, we completed our saint reports and they will be displayed on the JK-2 hallway bulletin board for the next few weeks before sending them home. Next week we will make our Saint Paper Bag Puppets to accompany our reports! In addition, we completed the first lesson in the Empowering God's Children program. We talked about how our bodies belong to us and

how we each have the right to say “no”. We, also, talked about the difference between secrets and surprises and why it’s never a good idea to keep secrets from our parents.

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!