



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **October 27** - 1st Quarter Report Cards
- **October 31** - Halloween parade JK-2, 8:15am
- **November 1** - All Saints Day Mass
- **November 9**- 11:30 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences; Veterans Day Prayer Service
- **November 10**- No School Parent Teacher Conferences

Announcements:

Parent Teacher Conference Links-

Milnor- calendly.com/mrsmilnorccs/

Mauney- calendly.com/r-mauney/

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

Mass on November 1 (All Saints' Day)

Please note that we will NOT have Mass on Tuesday, October 31. Instead, Mass will be on Wednesday, November 1 for the Solemnity of All Saints. Students do not need to wear their formal dress uniforms on Tuesday, October 31.

Virtual Good News! Book Fair

CCS is happy to announce that we will be holding a virtual Good News! Book Fair from November 7-November 17th! All book orders should arrive at your home in time for Christmas presents. Want a sneak peak? Go to: <https://goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair>. More information will be coming shortly!

Veterans Day Prayer Service

We will be honoring our veterans on November 9 with a Veterans Day prayer service and flag planting ceremony. Please join us in the gym at 8:15AM. Our families and close veteran friends are welcome to join us. This is a very special school tradition. CCS students who participate in scouts may wear their scouting uniform to school that day.

Social Studies

This week finished up our unit on being a good citizen by writing and illustrating how we can be a good citizen in our community. We also took a "test" to close out our unit. We have also started talking about Veterans Day and will begin a collaboration project that will be displayed at our Veterans Day Prayer Service. Next week we will continue learning about Veterans Day and add in Election Day.

Math

This week we started learning about addition within 20. We learned how to solve problems using our addition strategies that we have learned previously. Next week we will continue on our unit of adding within 20.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures*. This book was our first nonfiction-featured story (biography - Temple Grandin). Grandin is a remarkable woman with an amazing story that can teach us about overcoming obstacles, hard work, and pursuing your passion/dreams. Our focus skills of the week were all about nonfiction text structures and how a nonfiction text can still feel like a narrative (story). Next week we will read and explore the story *Maddi's Fridge* by Lois Brandt.

Grammar

This week we focused on ABC order. We completed several activities where students needed to identify and sort words. We discussed the process for organizing words based on a word's spelling/letter order (start by comparing words' first letter and then work your way to the right).

Writing

This week we wrote about our story, *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures*. We made connections between people, events, and ideas. Specifically, we described Dr. Grandin, her life, and her inventions/ideas as well as scientists in general.

Theology

In Theology this week, we continued learning about the liturgical seasons. We made liturgical calendars, which students will bring home next week, and focused on the season of Ordinary Time by reading stories from the life of Jesus. In addition, students completed their first of two lessons from the Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children Program. In this lesson, students learned about the importance of setting personal boundaries and using their words to reinforce those boundaries, as well as seek help from a trusted adult when needed.

Science

We focused on social studies this week.

Other Information

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

Specials Schedule

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

Thursday-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.

Homework (M-TH)

Math- Complete Spiral Math Review 8

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 = Candy).

ELA- Complete Spiral ELA Review 8

Religion- Practice Hail Mary Prayer