



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

10/27/23

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **Thursday, November 9 and Friday, November 10 - 3rd Grade Parent Teacher Conferences**
calendly.com/3rdconferences2023/

- **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.
 - 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.
- 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
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing

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Social Studies

This 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 and place it in their passports.

Next week students will explore the continent of Africa and will be introduced to the unique geographic features. Students will learn about the Nile River and the Sahara Desert then they will draw both geographic features on their map of Africa.

Math

This week students will learn strategies on how to round three digit numbers to the nearest ten and hundred.

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

- 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:

Our read aloud this week, Substitute Creacher, taught us the lessons of being kind and respectful to others, as well as highlighted how important and fun it can be to read something more than once. We learned how authors and illustrators often drop hints and clues throughout a story as foreshadowing, use flashbacks to help tell a larger story, and reward us

with revelations that might only appear upon a second read-through. Additionally, we continued crafting well thought out sentences that follow a dynamic sentence structure and are filled with vivid and descriptive verbs.

Next Week:

-Grammar:

-Workbook - Review Section 4: Verbs (4.9-4.10 Present/Past, 4.15 Linking/Being Verbs:)
- Section 5: Identify Adjectives (5.1-5.2) and Adjectives that Compare (5.5-5.6)

-Mentor Sentence (Focus: Comparative and Superlative Adjectives) - [Quiz on Fri 11/3](#)
I'm the speediest snake in the jungle, and I'm still turning green.

-Old: Word Study (Spelling): CVCe Syllables (**cube**, **reptile**, **migrate**) - [Quiz on Wed 11/1](#)

-New: Word Study (Spelling): Long a/Vowel Team Syllables (**aim**, **crayon**, **essay**) - Assigned on Wed 11/1

-Featured Story: *Picnic at Mudsock Meadow* - (Focus: Ask Questions) - [Quiz on Fri 11/3](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJeub8E5oG>

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.

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Theology

This Week:

Students from Mr. Little's homeroom led/participated in Mass this week. They did a wonderful job, and we are very proud of them! 3rd Grade also received their first lesson from the *Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children* program this week. 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. Our lesson covered Physical Boundaries - Safe Touching Rules.

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

Next Week:

With the close of October upon us, we will be celebrating All Saints' Day on Wednesday and concluding our weekly whole-school Rosary formation. However, we will still continue discussing and learning about the rosary. We will continue working on Rosary related activities and practicing prayers such as Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, as well as introducing prayers such as the Fatima Prayer and the Apostles Creed.

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.

- THANK YOU to all my wonderful parents who sent in gloves and tools for our garden!
- If you are a gardener I would love to have help with caring for our special little garden.

Next week students will complete their project on the phases of the moon and begin 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.