



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

First Grade

K.milnor@cvillecatholic.org

Upcoming Dates:

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

Tuesday, November 1- Solemnity of All Saints 8:15am Mass (students must be in dress uniform)

Thursday, November 3- No Mass

Thursday, November 3 and Friday, November 4- 11:30 Dismissal (no aftercare) & Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school)

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.

Conferences:

<https://calendly.com/mrsmilnorccs/milnor-conferences>

Social Studies

We will start studying Jamestown next week. We are excited to have Jamestown come and visit us on December 9. They will be talking to us about how Virginia was back then and how it is now (Virginia Then and Now).

Math

This week we practiced making groups of 10, identifying the value of multiple sets, building counting and writing numbers to 99, and drawing base 10 blocks to represent numbers to 99. Next week we will continue our study on place value. We will explore 2- digit numbers with base-ten blocks, the value of a digit in 2-digit numbers and how to read and write 2-digit numbers.

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). Due to the short week next week, there will not be a new story. Instead we will focus on reviewing previously taught skills.

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). Next week we will continue reviewing ABC order.

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. Next week will be used for additional writing practice within Daily 5 activity rotations.

Religion

This week we completed our study of Mary. Next week we will spend time reviewing the prayers that we say daily with different prayer activities.

Science

We will be focusing on Social Studies this quarter.

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 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: 10/31-11/3

Math- 1st Quarter Week 7

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