

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 10/29/2021

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Teacher Emails

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, November 1st (All Saints' Day)**
 - **Mass (Please wear formal dress uniform)**
 - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
- **Thursday, November 4, and Friday, November 5 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual)**
Thursday is an 11:30 a.m. dismissal and there is no school for students that Friday. Please check the October 26th Tuesday Teller for sign-up information.
- **Monday, November 8th - Blue & Gold Day (Not Every Monday)**
- **Tuesday, November 9th - School Pictures (1st Grade)**
All students (with the exception of those in JK) are to be in their formal dress uniforms for pictures.

Curriculum

Math

This week we began our unit on subtraction. We introduced key vocabulary such as difference, subtract, take from, take apart, how many fewer, and how many more. We also discussed how subtraction relates to addition. Activities consisted of using manipulatives, drawing pictures, and using number lines to demonstrate subtraction number sentences. Next week we will continue to review subtraction as well as addition, place value, and other math skills previously taught.

Reading and Language Arts

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.

Word Study/Spelling

We practiced sorting our words, chunking syllables, identifying phonemes (individual sounds) and focused on the /j/ sound. We looked at the spelling rules/generalizations for when /j/ is spelled with a j, ge, gi, gy, age, and dge and took our weekly spelling quiz. Next week students will receive a new word sort (spelling list).

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 also completed a faithful brainstorm- writing four ways we can be faithful like Mary. We also completed a Mary true/false sort and wrapped up our unit on Mary with a Mary BINGO game. Next week, we will discuss All Saints Day and start our "My ABC Saint Book". We will also learn about Pope Francis.

Science/ Social Studies

This week we wrapped up any science work that has not been completed this quarter. We will spend the 2nd quarter working on Social Studies.

Homework (M - Th)

For the week of: 11/1-11/4

Math- 1st Quarter Week 5 Math Sheet - Complete one activity each night (**M - Th**).

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 books = candy corn). 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- Students should sort their Word Study/Spelling words each night as well as work on 3 activities total of their choosing from the Weekly Spelling Menu (**M - Th**, 10 min./night).

Religion- Practice Sign of the Cross Prayer

Notes From the Classroom

Schedule Change

Dear CCS Families:

As we come to the end of the first quarter, we have found it necessary to make some minor adjustments to the day-to-day schedule. Primarily, the changes involve the time of day, or possibly the day, your child has a special. For a few students, lunch and recess times have been slightly adjusted. Parents, please make note of the following changes.

- JK- 2nd grade: Lunch has moved from 11:30 AM to 11:50 AM; therefore, recess will be at 12:10 PM.

Snack (8:30)/ Lunch(11:50)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Just as a reminder we cannot give out food or plastic utensils to children this year. Also, please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Both First Grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. ***Please make sure that water bottles only contain water. We have had a few juice/ sports drink spills and they become rather messy.***

Masks and Water Bottles

We cannot give out extra masks to students. Please make sure to pack an extra mask or two in your child's bag. Please make sure that students are bringing a water bottle to school daily. We do not have access to a water fountain and do not have disposable water bottles at school for the students to have.

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library Tuesday - Art Wednesday - Art and Music

Thursday-P.E. and Music Friday - Mass and Library

CCS School Calendar (August - December 2021)

[CCS School Calendar August-December 2021](#)

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.

Blue & Gold Days (Not Every Monday)

Please check the calendar above for designated Blue & Gold Days. There has been some confusion about this.

Monthly Scholastic Book Orders

<https://clubs.scholastic.com>

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