

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

First Grade 11.10.23

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Upcoming Dates:

- 11/6-11/17 Please send in non-perishable items for the food pantry at Church of the Incarnation
- 11/17 Albemarle Fire and Rescue Visit, 10:45-11:45
- 11/18 Service project sorting items at Church of the Incarnation for future distribution, 10:20-11:00
- 11/20-11/24 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 Salt Dough Advent Wreath STEM Activity, 12:30-1:15
- 12/4-12/7 St. Nick Shop
- 12/13 JK-2 Concert, 6:15pm (Students need to arrive no later than 5:45pm)
- 12/18 Polar Express Classroom Event (12:30-3:00)

Announcements:

The originally published dates for the CCS Christmas Concerts have changed slightly. While the 3rd-5th Grade concert will remain on Tuesday, December 12, the JK-2nd Grade concert has been moved to **Wednesday**, **December 13**. Both concerts start at 6:15PM–students will need to arrive at school *no later than 5:45PM*.

Join the Fun! Camp4Real Kids Night Out is Coming to Charlottesville Catholic on Dec. 15! Kids Night Out (KNO) is a three-hour drop-off event featuring a catered dinner and an exciting lineup of engaging P.E.-style games and activities for children in kindergarten through 6th grade! Family fun with an impact! Camp4Real is proud to support the CCS community and will donate a portion of the event proceeds right back to our school! Discounted early registration is now open! Click here to learn more and snag your child's spot!

The annual St. Nick's Shop (December 4-7) is an opportunity for JK-5 students to independently shop for their family at school. Prices will range from \$1 to \$15, with the majority at \$5, with

many gift options to choose from. Gifts will be labeled and placed in gift bags to help keep them secret. This is a chance for students to buy gifts for others, not themselves. Participation is completely voluntary. Please fill out one form per child. This form must be completed by November 29. All funds raised will be used to support PTO events for teachers and students such as the Teacher Christmas Luncheon and school ice cream socials. This payment will be billed through FACTS the week of December 11th–there will be no cash transactions this year. You also have the option to donate any change/unspent funds back to the school.

CCS is using a new math program this year, Reveal Math, by McGraw Hill. This program is a tool for the teachers to help teach the curriculum standards. Some of the changes you may notice from the previous program include more rigorous problems, more reading, and problem solving at different levels. It is very exciting to see the higher level of critical thinking that can be taught with Reveal Math. We believe this program will help prepare the elementary students for success in math classes in middle school and beyond. Please reach out to Mrs. DeVane (l.devane@cvillecatholic.org) with any questions.

Social Studies

This week we finished our lapbook focusing on Veterans and Election Day. We sorted and classified items that represent a Veteran, America and Elections. We wrote a letter to a Veteran and we matched Election Day terms to their correct definition.

Math

This week we finished our unit on addition to 20. We reviewed all the strategies we learned and added in a few new ones like the commutative and associative property. Next week we will begin our unit on subtraction.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

Instead of our normal routine and a focus story of the week, we reviewed and practiced reading skills previously taught. This included, fiction vs. nonfiction, asking questions, retelling the story, and identifying characters, setting, and events (plot). Next week we will read the story, A Plump and Perky Turkey and we will learn about generating questions about what we read.

Grammar

This week we reviewed ending punctuation and ABC order. 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 learn about adjectives.

Writing

This week we practiced our writing with a focus on ending punctuation. We also wrote within Daily 5 activity rotations and in other content areas such as Social Studies (Election Day/Veterans Day), Theology, and morning work tasks.

Theology

In Theology, we read the parable of the Good Samaritan and related it to our theme of giving to others in need. In addition, we observed National Vocation Awareness week by learning about how we each have a special vocation given to us by God. Then, we made encouragement cards to the first grade's selected seminarian to let him know we will be praying for him throughout our school year.

Science

We focused on social studies this week.

Other Information

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 recess, lunch, and snack as much as we can.

Winter Dress

Winter Dress begins when we return from Thanksgiving Break (Monday, November 27). This means we are no longer wearing shorts and ankle socks. Girls must also be in navy knee highs, navy leggings, or navy tights. Please have your child try on their uniform pants to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and shipping delays.

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

<u>Boys</u> - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks NO white.

<u>Girls</u>- 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 10

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. November = Turkey).

ELA- Complete Spiral ELA Review 10 **Religion-** Practice Hail Mary Prayer



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DEC. 15 | 6-9 PM

KNO HIGHLIGHTS:

- THREE-HOUR DROP OFF EVENT
- A KID-FRIENDLY, PLANT-BASED CATERED DINNER
- A VARIETY OF EXCITING P.E. STYLE GROUP GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
- · A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR YOUR CHILD TO PLAY
- A FUN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST DRIVE THE CAMP4REAL SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE









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