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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

November 10, 2023

Dear Families,

It was a short and sweet week in 4th Grade. We hope you are well. Thank you to those of you who took the time to meet with us in conferences. It is imperative to the children's success for us to pair together and be better informed about the students' strengths, needs, behaviors, and learning styles. Thank you for connecting with us in this very vital component of their education. Your involvement and support is an integral part of their academic progress. We look forward to our continued communication. Wishing you a restful weekend.

All the best,
4th Grade Team

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.

- **Altar Server Training**

We have been so grateful for the return of our altar server ministry at our CCS school Masses! Due to the success, we have another opportunity for training for more students to get involved! Those students who would like to get involved in this ministry must be Catholic and in 4th grade or up. Middle school students will be eligible to put altar service towards school OR church service. If interested, mandatory training (for new servers) will be held on Monday, November 13th in the Chapel from 3:30pm-4:15pm. This training is optional for existing CCS altar servers. Sign-up by contacting Megan Pearring, Religion Coordinator at m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org.

- **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!

Important Dates

- **Adaptations Project due Friday, 11/17.**
- Tuesday, December 12, 2023- 3rd-5th Grade Christmas Concert
 - Concert starts at 6:15- Students will need to arrive at school no later than 5:45 pm

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students finished up chapter 2 which focused on Native American history and culture. Students were very interested in this unit and are excited for the upcoming project that we will complete in class next week.

The project will be due next Wednesday. Please have students bring in materials for the project on Monday. Information regarding the Native American diorama project is located

in the SS Google Classroom. I also sent out the rubric and guidelines home last week. Please reach out with any questions.

Science

This week in Science we've been learning how the bodies and behaviors of animals help them meet their needs in their particular environments. In accordance with Chapter 3, the kids are completing an adaptation project that was introduced (project packet including rubric, guidelines, and helpful resources) at the beginning of the week. These projects are due on Friday, 11/17. The majority of the project will be done at home, though there will be an opportunity for the kids to work on it in class during our one-hour lab block on Thursday, 11/16, and the potential to work on it during another science block next week. Information about bringing posters to and from school will be in their agenda and posted on FACTS.

Math

This week in Math, the kids have been working on multiplication strategies in Unit 6. They've been working to multiply 4-digit numbers by 1 factor, and two 2-digit factors using partial products and area models. Next week we will incorporate these multiplication strategies in multi-step word problems. **Our Math Test is scheduled for Friday, 11/17.**

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued a new unit in which we are focusing on nonfiction texts. Students are learning how to properly read nonfiction texts, take notes, identify text structures, and get the most out of these informational books. It will culminate in a research project on natural disasters.

Next week, we will continue this unit.

Theology

This week in Theology we finished Unit 2 Lesson 6- "How does God share his life with us?" and devoted our time to vocation awareness week; learning about the beauty of vocations and writing letters of encouragement to our class seminarian. We continue to be focused on the gifts we have been given, and how we can use them to love and serve God. On Monday we will begin Unit 2 Lesson 7- "How do we praise and thank God?" **There will be a Unit 2 Lesson 7 Theology Quiz on Friday, 11/17.**



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