



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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#### Upcoming Dates:

**Thursday, November 17-** 8:15 am Mass. All students must be in dress uniforms

**Wednesday, December 14-** Christmas Concert

#### Announcements:

### Social Studies

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This week we continued learning about Jamestown. We read and completed a mini book during our social studies time. 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

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This week we reviewed number sense. We learned how to compare numbers with  $<$ ,  $>$ , or  $=$ , order numbers on an open number line and continued practicing counting place value blocks as well as drawing place value blocks. Next week we will start our unit on addition. We will begin by learning about different addition strategies.

### Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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#### Reading

Through our main story of the week, *Maddi's Fridge*, as well as supplemental readings, we made valuable connections (text to text and text to world) and explored ideas of friendship and charity. We also examined how to read a website while discussing internet safety. Next week we will read the story, *The Scarecrow's Hat*, and focus on sequencing.

## Grammar

This week's focus was on common nouns vs. proper nouns. We addressed the need for proper nouns (specific names of people, places, and brands) to be capitalized and compared nouns like school and Charlottesville Catholic School. Next week we will target prepositions (direction words).

## Writing

This week we included proper nouns into our writing as we wrote about friendship and ways to help one another. We also wrote within Daily 5 activity rotations and in other content areas such as Social Studies (Veterans Day), Religion (Giving Thanks), and morning work tasks. Next week we will be working on summaries as well as focusing on adjectives to help describe/bring color to our writing.

## Religion

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This week we started our *I am Thankful* lap book. We will write about and reflect on different things that we are thankful for in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will also start talking about charity and giving back to our community in preparation for our first grade class service project (more information to come).

## Science

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We will be focusing on Social Studies this quarter.

## Other Information

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### **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: 11/14-11/18

**Math-** 1st Quarter Week 9

**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