

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 11/12/2021

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Teacher Emails

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Friday, November 19th**
 - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform)
 - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
- **Monday, November 22nd - Friday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Break**
 - School resumes on Monday, November 29th (Winter Dress Begins - See below)

From Mrs. Banaszak and Mrs. Devlin:

We are getting close to finishing the creation of our class book! Please return your book orders/ permission slips as soon as possible to your child's classroom teacher. ALL orders must be received by NOV 19. IMPORTANT!! You must return the order form for your child's work to be included in the book, regardless of whether you order. (It acts as permission to publish). Thank you for your help! The book is BEAUTIFUL :)

Curriculum

Math

This week we continued with subtraction and looked at key vocabulary such as difference, subtract, take from, take apart, how many fewer, and how many more. We also used strategies/instruction with manipulatives, drawing pictures, and using number lines to demonstrate subtraction number sentences. Next week we will dive even deeper into subtraction with strategies such as breaking apart and thinking about addition and how it relates/can help with subtracting.

Reading and Language Arts

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, *Plump and Perky Turkey*, and focus on asking questions as readers and summarizing skills (Beginning, Middle, and End).

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 adjectives and use them to describe characters from our stories and people and things in our writing.

Word Study/Spelling

We practiced sorting our words, chunking syllables, identifying phonemes (individual sounds) and focused on the /z/ sound. We looked at the spelling rules/generalizations for when and why /z/ is spelled with a z, zz, and s. We also reviewed previously taught spelling patterns and skills. Next week students will receive a new word sort (spelling list).

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

This week we continued learning about Saints. We learned about St. Francis of Assisi and discussed the traits of Saints. Next week we will continue learning about saints and will learn about St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We will also discuss being thankful.

Science/ Social Studies

Our focus this week was on Veterans Day and honored all of our veterans. On Thursday, we participated in a CCS Veterans Day tradition. We planted flags, listened to a guest speaker - Veteran Tom Craig (Mrs. Devlin's Father), and spent time discussing and reflecting on the importance of this day. We also completed a variety of Veterans Day activities in the classroom. Next up, Thanksgiving!

Homework (M - Th)

For the week of: 11/15-11/19

Math- 1st Quarter Week 7 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. November books = Pumpkins). 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

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 29). 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.

CCS Volunteers - Virtus Training - 11/18

All adults who wish to volunteer at CCS must be Virtus trained. While volunteering in the building is currently on hold, we will be hosting a training session at CCS on Thursday, November 18 from 5:30PM-8:30PM. If you would like to volunteer, you will need to register for this training via the Virtus website (this session is now available on the Virtus website, virtusonline.org).

Online Spirit Wear Store

Our new Online Spirit Wear Store website has launched and is open for orders! Visit <https://spiritwear.cvillecatholic.org/> to see our current offerings. The current sale will close at 12:00PM (noon) on Monday, November 15.

Snack (9:00)/ 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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