Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade 11/12/21

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Please send a clean mask with your child every day and a water bottle. Thank you.
- Please do not send any nut products this year. Thank you.
- 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).
- 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.
- We need donations for our monthly class store. We would love to have used toys, books, games, smarties(candy),ect.. Thank you! Ms. Grassi
- Important upcoming dates:
 - o November 22-26 Thanksgiving Break No School
- When we return from Thanksgiving we are in Winter uniform. This means we are no longer wearing shorts. It also means that ankle socks are no longer okay. Ladies must be in navy knee highs, navy leggings, or navy tights.
- Contact us:
 - Ms. Grassi k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org
 - Mrs. Kelliher <u>s.kelliher@cvillecatholic.org</u>

English Language Arts

This week we continued on with verbs, focusing on irregular verbs. We finished on with our novel study <u>Stone Fox</u>, a study guide will be coming home in the Friday Folders today. In writing, we worked through the publishing stage of our stories. As usual, we continued on with our cursive writing and wrapped up learning lowercase letters.

Next week we will be reviewing <u>Stone Fox</u> as we have finished the book for our test on Thursday. Reviewing our lowercase cursive letters. We will continue on with verbs and spelling. For fun next week we will be doing a STEM project linked to the book "Balloons over Broadway."

Religion

This week the students started Unit 3 - How do we live what we believe? We discussed how what God really wants from us is to be kind and loving people.

Next week, we will continue with Unit 3 - How do we live what we believe? We will also be doing the Protecting God's Children lesson where we will talk about Physical Touch Boundaries and safe touch rules. We will be using terms such as "safe and unsafe adults" and "swimsuit areas" during this discussion. If you have any questions please reach out to Mrs. Kelliher. For fun we will be doing a Thankfulness activity.

Math

This week we are working on strategies to improve our mental math addition skills, such as place value, number patterns and properties of addition. We will learn how to estimate sums by rounding to the nearest ten and hundred.

Next week we will identify and count mixed coins with currency. We will estimate sums of three and four digit numbers using our mental math strategies. We are also practicing on our addition and subtraction fluency and students are welcome to use these websites at home.

- Websites: Addition and Subtraction fluency practice- go to <u>www.mathtrainer.com</u>, or https://tangmath.com/numskill
- Math Concepts and Skills Review and Practice- go to <u>www.studyisland.com</u>, their username and password are in their agenda.

Science

This week we'll be reviewing deciduous and conifers. We will investigate their types of seeds and how they spread. We will also learn about the parts of the plant, a plant's life cycle, and the process of photosynthesis. The Study Guide for our "Plant Unit" will go home in their Friday Folders.

Next week we'll be reviewing how plants make their food through the use of chlorophyll and photosynthesis. We will also begin our Unit on Ecosystems by learning about different types of habitats.

HOMEWORK: Monday - Wednesday: Students will review their Study Guide.

Plant Unit Test- Thursday,18th of November.

Social Studies

This week students will learn about three geographic features of the Continent of Africa. They include the Nile River, the Sahara Desert, and the Atlas Mountains. We will continue to work on adding to our passport project.

Next week we will explore the Continent of Asia and three geographic features, which will include the Huang He River, the Gobi Desert, and the Himalayan Mountains. We will continue to work on adding to our passport project.