



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Thursday, November 21** - Service Project/Field Trip at Church of the Incarnation
- **Wednesday, December 4** - Field Trip to the Children's Museum of Richmond
- **Monday, December 9** - Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- **Thursday, December 12** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service
- **Friday, December 13** - First Grade Readers Theater, Performance Space, 2:00pm
- **Thursday, December 19** - JK-2 Christmas Concert

School Announcements:

- **Lost & Found:** The Lost & Found is piling up! In addition to student items, there are several items that have been left by adults after events. Please make sure that student belongings (especially CCS-branded ones) are labeled. If you or your child are missing something, please come in and check the Lost & Found.
- Diaper Drive–Faith in Action is holding a Diaper Drive for Loaves & Fishes now through November 22. Collection bins will be in the student hallways. Your donation of new packages or boxes of diapers is greatly appreciated by the food pantry and parents in need.

Teacher's Messages/Announcements:

- On Thursday, we will be having our first grade field trip/service project to Church of the Incarnation! We will bring your generous donations of food and will weigh it, sort it, and prepare food items for future distribution. We will, also, receive a tour of the space and

end our time in prayer together. Students should wear their school uniforms and pack a snack for our time away. **Please pack their snack in disposable containers, i.e. a brown bag, and write their name on their snack.** We will return for lunch, so lunches can be packed as normal. We are excited to participate in this meaningful experience!

- Starting Monday, first grade will be collecting food to donate to the food ministry at Church of the Incarnation. We will be collecting food donations at school from November 11-20, then bringing them to our field trip/service project on 11/21 where we will be weighing, sorting, and preparing items for future distribution. [Please consider signing up to donate items if you are able!](#)
- Calling all **empty** tissue boxes! In November, first grade will be participating in a STEM activity using the book *Balloons Over Broadway*, where students will be creating their own parade floats using empty tissue boxes. So, when you've finished a tissue box at your home, please send it in with your student! Thank you!
- Brrrr...it's getting cold outside! We go outside for recess twice a day and students will be eating snack and lunch outside, as well, so please be sure to bundle up your student before school each morning!

Social Studies

Last week Mrs. Mauney's class voted Duck for President! It was a close race between Duck and Grace with the teachers only sneaking in a few votes! This week we started our *Balloons over Broadway* unit. We listened to the book and learned the history of the Thanksgiving Day Parade. We ended the week by traveling to New York City and learning more about the parade. Next week we will do some STEM projects based on the book.

Math

This week we have started a new unit on subtraction. We have just begun to learn about subtraction strategies in problems to 10. We have learned about how to use a number line, how to count down, and how to use a number bond to help us. We have also started learning that we can use addition facts to help us check our subtraction number sentences. Next week we will continue to learn about subtraction.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we used our short week to complete any work that may have gone unfinished from weeks past. We also spent some time reviewing past comprehension skills and listened to some books on gratitude.

Grammar

This week we spent time reviewing past grammar skills.

Writing

This week we used what we learned about gratitude and spent some time writing about what we were thankful for. We then wrote our sentences on turkey feathers which have been placed on a large turkey in our hallway.

Theology

This week, we learned about our 5 liturgical seasons to prepare for making our salt dough Advent wreaths on Thursday! Thank you to all the families who donated items and/or time to help make this activity a success!

Science

We focused on social studies this week.

Other Information

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)

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 - Library & Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art 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.

Homework (M-TH)

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!

Christmas Spirit Week

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Monday
Dec. 2
“Cozy Day”

- Loose fitting pj bottoms or sweatpants; comfy t-shirts or sweatshirts
- **NO slippers, crocs, leggings, onesies, or pj sets/nightgowns**
- Middle school: sneakers of choice
- JK-5: school sneakers

Tuesday
Dec. 3
Mass Day

- **No Spirit Wear dress up this day**
- **All students must be in formal dress uniforms for Mass**



Wednesday
Dec. 4
“Christmas Tag Day”

- Students must be in regular uniforms
- Christmas-themed accessories:
 - Necklaces, earrings, bracelets
 - Headbands or hair accessories
 - Socks, hats



Thursday
Dec. 5
“Sports Shirt Day”

- Students may wear a sports jersey or t-shirts (local team through major leagues)
- Middle school: jeans or uniform bottoms, sneakers of choice
- JK-5: uniforms bottoms and shoes

Friday
Dec. 6
“Blue & Gold Plus Day”

- Normal Blue & Gold Day dress requirements
- Blue or gold accessories:
 - Necklaces, earrings, bracelets
 - Headbands or hair accessories
 - Socks, hats

