



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

First Grade

K.milnor@cvillecatholic.org

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, November 17- Friday, November 25- School Closed- Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 28- School Resumes/ Winter Dress Begins

Monday, December 5- Friday, December 9- St. Nick's Shop

Wednesday, December 14- Christmas Concert

Announcements:

December 5-9: St. Nick's Shop

The Cville Catholic School St. Nick's shop is a chance for students in JK-5th grade to shop for some small holiday gifts for family members. The shop will offer items ranging from \$2-\$15 that students can choose to purchase for family members (sibling gifts are available in the lower dollar range and some of the parent gifts are in the upper range). The week before the event, a form will be sent home for parents to complete listing the names of each gift recipient and dollar amount range that each student can spend per person on the list. Participation is optional. Parents can elect to donate any unspent funds to the school, or request change.

Each class will have a designated shopping day/time. A few students at a time will go in to shop (the rest of the class will watch a Christmas movie while waiting). Once inside, each shopper will walk around with a volunteer parent shopper to help them choose gifts within their shopping budget. Gifts will be wrapped by a separate set of parents. Volunteers are needed to help with shopping and check-out/wrapping.

If you're interested in helping out during the week, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AFAD2FAAFCC70-stnicks>

Social Studies

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

This week we continued to review number sense and place value. We have also started our unit on addition. We learned about adding on to a group as an addition strategy. Labeled the parts of an addition number sentence using the proper vocabulary and have practiced a lot of addition problems during our math rotations. Next week we will continue practicing addition.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

Our instruction this week revolved around the story, *The Scarecrow's Hat*, which had us putting the events of the story in order and practicing our summarizing skills (identifying beginning, middle, and ending events in the story). After the break, we will be reading more nonfiction texts and analyzing what narrative nonfiction means. We will also be looking at nonfiction text features, specifically pictures, and how they provide important details and information for the reader.

Grammar

This week we practiced prepositions- which are used to add information to a sentence. EX: The flies drive me crazy, buzzing **around** my ears. We also completed several activities describing characters from our stories and people and things in our writing. After the break we will discuss first person, singular pronouns (I, me, and my). We will focus on how these words connect to/take the place of a more specific, proper noun (person) and how I is always capitalized.

Writing

We did a lot of writing this week. We wrote about Thanksgiving, what we are thankful for, and described our turkeys. We also practiced using adjectives to help describe/bring color to our writing. Finally, we started looking at how to summarize a story. We focused on beginning, middle, and end, as well as identifying events in sequential order. After the break we will be incorporating pronouns into our writing as well as describing animals from our nonfiction texts.

Religion

This week we continued our *I am Thankful* lap book. We wrote about and reflected on different things that we are thankful for in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday. This week we wrote about places, people, and hobbies we are thankful for. 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

We will be focusing on Social Studies this quarter.

Other Information

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: 11/21-11/25

Math- No Homework

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- No Homework

Religion- No Homework