

# Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 11/19/2021

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

### Teacher Emails

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### Upcoming Dates:






- **Monday, November 22nd - Friday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Break**
- **Monday, November 29th**
  - School Resumes (Winter Dress Begins - See Below)
- **Friday, December 3rd**
  - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform)
    - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
- **From Mrs. Banaszak (CCS Librarian)**

If you are still interested in ordering a copy of your child's First Grade Menu book, uniquely created by the class, please purchase using the following link:

[https://studenttreasures.com/parents/?\\_ga=2.9511285.1767523038.1637077634-456044576.1636379618](https://studenttreasures.com/parents/?_ga=2.9511285.1767523038.1637077634-456044576.1636379618)

Please use the "Pre-Order" option. **DON'T FORGET** to write the code on your parent order form (if you are pre-ordering copies) or see below:

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1. Go to [Studenttreasures.com/Preorder](https://studenttreasures.com/Preorder) to pre-order your child's book

2. **Write Authorization Code Here** AUTHORIZATION CODE (Provided by website after payment is submitted.)

Please email Mrs. Banaszak with your authorization code and details (which book(s) you ordered) from your order summary. [m.banaszak@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:m.banaszak@cvillecatholic.org)

## Curriculum

### Math

The focus for the past several weeks has been subtraction. We have taught and reviewed subtraction related vocabulary such as subtract, difference, minus, fewer than, more than, take away, whole, and part. This past week we have introduced and practiced subtraction strategies such as breaking apart, using addition to help subtract, and working with ten

frames to reorganize our math and to count on. After the break we will begin our unit on geometry and fractions. We will start with 2D shapes: classify, sort, and attributes.

## **Reading and Language Arts**

### Reading

Our instruction this week revolved around the story, Plump and Perky Turkey, which had us asking questions 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 identifying adjectives and discussed their relationship to nouns. 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.

### Word Study/Spelling

We practiced sorting our words, chunking syllables, identifying phonemes (individual sounds) and focused on the voiced /th/(the) sound and voiceless /th/(think) sound. We also looked at the spelling rules/generalizations for how to spell the /th/ sound at the end of a word - bath and bathe. And continued reviewing previously taught spelling patterns and skills. After the break students will receive a new word sort (spelling list).

### 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 talked about gratitude and being thankful. We made a thankful turkey. We wrote what we wanted God's help with and what we thank God for. When we return we will start talking about Advent and how people in different countries celebrate the winter holidays: "Christmas Around the World".

## **Science/ Social Studies**

We had a lot of fun this week discussing Thanksgiving traditions, Native American culture, and Pilgrims. We compared life in the 17th century with how things are today. We also got creative with some Thanksgiving-related STEAM activities. Turkey traps, turkey forts, and Pilgrim hats were just a few of the challenges set for students. After the break we will discuss how rules keep us safe and community vs. school rules.

# Homework (M - Th)

For the week of: 11/29-12/3

**Math-** 1st Quarter Week 8 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

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.

### 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>

Mrs. Milnor - LKHF3

Mr. Little - JBPQ2