

## 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.
- We need donations for our monthly class store. We would love to have used toys, books, games, smarties. Thank you! Ms. Grassi
- Important upcoming dates:
  - November 22-26 Thanksgiving Break - No School
  - November 29th - Winter Dress Begins
- 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](mailto:k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org)
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### English Language Arts

This week we continued on with verbs, focusing on verb tenses. We reviewed for and took our Stone Fox test. In writing, we reviewed lowercase letters in cursive and learned our first names. For some Thanksgiving fun we read Balloons Over Broadway and created a parade balloon.

When we return from break, we will be focusing on review. We will be reading short passages about Christmas around the World and completing comprehension to go with it. We will also be wrapping up our verbs unit. In cursive, we will be beginning capital letters.

## Religion

This week the students continued on Unit 3 - How do we live what we believe? We discussed our consciences and how God gives us teachings like the Beatitudes to guide us to the right things. We also completed our Protecting God's Children lesson where we talked about Physical Touch Boundaries and safe touch rules. We used terms such as "safe and unsafe adults" and "swimsuit areas" during this discussion. We also completed making a classroom turkey while discussing Thankfulness.

When we return from break we will be diving into Advent. We will be doing lots of different projects to learn about Jesus' lineage and the traditions surrounding Christmas. In Friday folders today there is a devotional for your families to do at home.

## Math

This week we are learning strategies for regrouping two and three digit numbers. Students are also working on their basic addition fluency and accuracy. We will continue to review how to estimate sums by rounding our addends to the nearest ten and hundred.

The week of Nov. 29th we will learn how to regroup four digit numbers, problem solving strategies, 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 [www.mathtrainer.com](http://www.mathtrainer.com), or <https://tangmath.com/numskill>
- Math Concepts and Skills Review and Practice- go to [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com), 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. Students will be introduced to earth's ecosystems.

Next week we'll begin our Unit on Ecosystems by learning about different types of habitats and the corresponding vocabulary. We will discuss the parts of an ecosystem involving community, population, and habitat.

## Social Studies

This week students will review the 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.