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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

11/3/23

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **Thursday, November 9 and Friday, November 10**
3rd Grade Parent Teacher Conferences - Please use link below to reserve a day/time slot calendly.com/3rdconferences2023/
Thank you to all who have signed up for a slot. Because 3rd Grade is quite large this year, we are asking for your patience and understanding regarding the 15 min/conference schedule. We will be doing several conferences back to back, thus we will have to keep things very streamlined in order to remain on schedule and honor everyone's designated times. We will be happy to follow up with you at an additional time to discuss any concerns that you may have, that may not be fully addressed in our conference. Thanks!
- **Virtual Good News! Book Fair:** CCS is happy to announce that we will be holding a virtual Good News! Book Fair from **November 7-November 17th!** All book orders should arrive at your home in time for Christmas presents. Want a sneak peak? Go to: <https://goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair>.
- **Veterans Day Prayer Service:** We will be honoring our veterans on **November 9** with a Veterans Day prayer service and flag planting ceremony. Please join us in the gym at **8:15AM**. Our families and close veteran friends are welcome to join us. This is a very special school tradition. Students do NOT need to wear their formal dress uniforms that day. CCS students who participate in scouts may wear their scouting uniform to school that day.
- **Pan!** Join Wendy, John, Michael, and our elementary drama club on a trip to Neverland! Be there as Peter Pan battles Captain Hook, Lost Boys fight pirates, Tiger Lily gets captured, and more! Performances are **TOMORROW (Saturday, November 4) at both 1:00PM and 6:00PM in the Performance Hall**. There is no cost to attend-hope to see you there!

- **Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra** is offering free tickets to students and their families from Charlottesville Catholic School. Free student and accompanying adult tickets are available for their Masterworks concert on **Sunday, November 12 at 3:30pm at Martin Luther King, Jr. Performing Arts Center**. The program features Beethoven's *Emperor* piano concerto and symphonic choral works by American composers.
 Please send your information on how many tickets you need for you and your family through our Google Form:
<https://forms.gle/VpFxtBV1Foj7o5C49>
 The deadline for requesting tickets for this concert is Wednesday, November 8, 5pm.
- We are excited to be going on **field trips** this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link:
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkqEXnFS/view?usp=sharing

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Social Studies

This week students will explore the continent of Africa and will be introduced to the unique geographic features. Students will learn about the Nile River and the ancient cultures.

Next week students will learn about the Sahara Desert and the Andes Mountains then draw/label both geographic features on their map of Africa.

Math

This week students will learn strategies on how to round three digit numbers to the nearest ten and hundred. They will be counting their money and making change.

Next week students will learn how to round two three digit numbers and then add the estimates together to unde an estimated sum.

- MATH WEBSITES:
www.studyisland.com - use student username and password to access Study Island.
www.mathtrainer.com - for increasing addition/subtraction fluency and accuracy.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We were in the Halloween spirit this week with some "scary" campfire stories and with our read aloud, *Picnic at Mudsock Meadow*, where we focused on the climax of the story and asked good

questions before, during, and after. We also continued reviewing verbs, while identifying adjectives and using comparative adjectives (-er, -est).

Next Week:

-Writing/Art Project: "My project is NOT a turkey" - Due Wed 11/15 (Art piece and Writing)

-On Mon, we will begin learning how to craft a paragraph (5 sentences) about a topic

-We will follow the writing process

-Prewrite - Graphic Organizers such as a Bubble Map and Hamburger Outline

-Rough Draft - First attempt at writing

-Revise/Edit - Color Editing Strategy and other Checklists

-Publish - Final Draft

-On Thur, students will receive their Writing/Art Project Packet to be completed at home

-The project, including art piece and evidence of each step of the writing process (e.g., Outlines, Rough Drafts with Edits, Final Copy), should be turned in on **11/15**

-Parents CAN support their child's writing, within reason. It should be in their voice.

-Grammar:

-Workbook - Review Section 4: Verbs (Action and Linking - 4.1 - 4.4, 4.9 - 4.10, and 4.15)

- **Grammar Test (Section 4 Verbs) - Wed 11/8**

-Mentor Sentence - NO Sentence this Week

- **NO Mentor Sentence Quiz on Fri 11/10 (Conferences) or Fri 11/17**

-Old: Word Study: Long a/Vowel Team Syllables (**aim, crayon, essay**) - **Quiz on Wed 11/8**

-New: Word Study: NO New Words assigned - Wed 11/8 or Wed 11/15

-Featured Story: NO Story this Week - **NO Quiz on Fri 11/10**

Learning Ally **NO featured story this week**

-portal.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud/Audiobook options, similar to Epic, but can be accessed at home at no additional cost to you.

Username - For example - t.little@cvillecatholic.org or ti.little@cvillecatholic.org (Student email)

Password - For example - catholic1234 (catholic + last 4 of Student ID)

Theology

This Week:

Students continued working on Rosary related activities and practiced prayers such as Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be, as well as studied new prayers such as the Fatima Prayer and the Apostles Creed. We also introduced the tenant of the Month for November, which is *Advocate* and our Saint of the Month Saint Teresa of Avila. As we learned this week, Saint Teresa set out to advocate for the importance of a life devoted to the Lord, and thus, will serve as a guide for us this month.

Next Week:

Theology Workbook Discussion and Activities - Christ In Us - Lesson 1.5 - **Quiz on Thur 11/9**

Science

This week students will learn how the earth and moon interact in our solar system. They will begin by learning the different phases of the moon, and the difference between a solar and lunar eclipse.

- THANK YOU to all my wonderful parents who sent in gloves and tools for our garden!
- If you are a gardener I would love to have help with caring for our special little garden.

Next week students will be introduced to the planets in our solar system, and learn about the differences of the inner and outer planets.

- Homework: Students will track the moon for four weeks beginning on Oct. 16th-Nov.11th.



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