



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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#### Upcoming Dates:

**Thursday, November 10-** 8:15 am Mass (streamed to the classrooms) All students must be in dress uniforms

**Friday, November 11-** 8:15 am Veterans' Day Prayer Service (in the gym) Families are welcome to join!

#### Announcements:

We will be honoring our Veterans on November 11 with a Veterans Day prayer service and flag planting ceremony. Please join us in the gym at 8:15. Our families and close veteran friends are welcome to join us. This is a very special school tradition.

CCS students who participate in scouts may wear their scouting uniform to school that day.

### Social Studies

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This week we started our study of Jamestown. We started a KWL chart (what we know, what we want to know, and what we learned). We completed the K and W section. Next week we will continue learning about Jamestown. 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

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This week we explored 2- digit numbers with base-ten blocks, the value of a digit in 2-digit numbers and how to read and write 2-digit numbers. Next week we will continue with number sense. We will learn how to compare numbers with  $<$ ,  $>$ , or  $=$ , order numbers on an open number line and continue practicing counting place value blocks as well as drawing place value blocks.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### Reading

Instead of our normal routine and a focus story of the week, we reviewed and practiced reading skills previously taught. This included, fiction vs. nonfiction, asking questions, retelling the story, and identifying characters, setting, and events (plot). Next week we will read the story, Maddy's Fridge and we will learn about text to world connections.

### Grammar

This week we reviewed ending punctuation and ABC order. We discussed the process for organizing words based on a word's spelling/letter order (start by comparing words' first letter and then work your way to the right). Next week we will learn about common and proper nouns

### Writing

This week we practiced our writing with a focus on ending punctuation. We also wrote within Daily 5 activity rotations and in other content areas such as Social Studies (Election Day), Religion, and morning work tasks.

## Religion

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This week we reviewed all the different prayers that we learned at the beginning of the year. We also went on a "Hall of Saints Scavenger hunt" when we went to see the 2nd graders' projects and learned about saints as well as wrote about and drew a picture of someone we think is like a saint. Next week we will be discussing what we are thankful for in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Science

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We will be focusing on Social Studies this quarter.

## Other Information

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### **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: 11/7-11/11**

**Math**- 1st Quarter Week 8

**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**- **Monday**: Cut and sort words (keep them in the pencil pouch in your binder), **Tuesday**: Sort your words- write and illustrate 8 words, **Wednesday**: Sort your words- choose 4 words to use in a sentence (try your best with the spelling of words), **Thursday**: Glue your words onto the sorting mat that came home on Monday.

**Religion**- Practice the Our Father Prayer