



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- Please send your child with a fleece or jacket to school. Thank you.
- Ms. Grassi would love to have donations of 25- 9 oz, Clear Plastic Cups for our experiments this year.

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Mass - Thursday, 11/10**
- **Nov. 11th-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.**
- **Nov. 28th- Winter Dress begins for our students (reminder- no white socks)**

Teacher email addresses:

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Science

This week students will continue with their seed experiment. They will compare and contrast how animals and plants grow and change over time. They will also learn about incomplete metamorphosis and compare it to the complete metamorphosis of a butterfly and a frog.

Next week students will learn about what plants need to live and the functions of each part. They will be introduced to the process of photosynthesis.

Social Studies

This week students will explore the continent of Africa and learn about the geographic features which include the Nile River, Atlas Mountains, and the Sahara Desert. We will complete a map

of Africa identifying the geographic features and add it to our Passport Project.

Next week students will explore the continent of Asia and be introduced to three geographic features; The Huang He Delta, The Himalayas, The Gobi Desert.

Math

This week students will be introduced to the addition properties; commutative, associative, and identity to assist in adding numbers. They will continue to work on counting money and making change.

Next week students will learn about addition patterns and patterns in the addition table. They will continue to work on counting money and making change.

Homework:

- Students will write their homework assignments and when they are due in their agenda.

Websites:

Username and passwords are located in students' agenda for Study Island.

- StudyIsland.com
- Mathtrainer.com: Addition and Subtraction Fluency Practice : no username or password is required.

Language Arts/Writing

This Week:

This week we reviewed the following Grammar, Word Study, and Affix Skills:

-Quotations (e.g., Starting quotes with an uppercase letter and ending quotes with punctuation).

-Open and Closed Syllables

-Affixes: Focus on able/ible (can be done) and review ion, er, est, ly, ing, e/es, ed, un, and re

Next Week:

-Daily Grammar Review: Focus: Simple and Compound Sentences and FANBOYS (Coordinating Conjunctions - For, **And**, Nor, **But**, **Or**, **So**)

-Word Study: long i/u & vowel team syllables (ie, igh, y, i, ue, ew, u) and Affix: able/ible

-Writing: - Sentence Structure (Simple and Compound Sentences)

-We will continue writing summaries by using the Somebody Wanted But So Then strategy, as well as other organizational strategies/graphic organizers to support writing.

Homework:

-Word Study (M-W) - 10 min. Students do not need to turn anything in.

Reading

This Week:

We continued reading and discussing the book Substitute FCreacher, and learned how authors can use Foreshadowing and Flashbacks as literary devices to help tell a story, provide additional information, and get the reader thinking and feeling.

Learning Ally - read.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud Book 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)

Next Week:

-Featured Story: Cactus Soup <https://vimeo.com/20863155>

-Supplemental Story: Stone Soup <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZdhZdmvsuk>

-Focus Skills: Compare and Contrast setting in Folktales

-Novel Study: A new book will be assigned TBD

-We will continue to utilize CLOSE reading strategies such as annotating text, Paragraph chunking, Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then, and Graphic Organizers to support comprehension.

Not Homework but Recommended:

Nightly Reading (M-Th) - Approximately 20 min. Students should indicate the number of minutes read each night/week in their planner.

Religion

This Week:

We began Lesson 4 in our Religion textbook (Who is Jesus Christ?), discussed the Beatitudes, and celebrated All Saints Day (and All Hallows' Eve). We made the connection between how the Catholic Church honors the "holy" saints, how they lived out the Beatitudes, and the deeper meaning behind Halloween and the Day of the Dead. We also enjoyed the Second Graders presentations of their Saints.

Next Week:

Next week, the Church celebrates Vocation Awareness Week from November 6-12. To celebrate, we will be learning about the four types of Vocations to which God may call us (Marriage, Priest, Religious brother/sister, and Single Life), how God calls us to love and serve Him in our lives, and how we can discern our vocation. We will also be praying for and writing letters to Seth Seaman, a Seminarian with the Diocese of Richmond. We will also continue working in our Religion textbook (Lesson 4 - Who is Jesus Christ?), discussing the Beatitudes, practicing our prayers, and learning about the structure of the Mass.

Ms. Grassi's homeroom will be leading Mass on 12/8.

Other Information

Welcome to Autumn! Cooler mornings are officially here. Since we will continue to eat an early snack outside, long sleeves such as a jacket, sweatshirt, and/or sweater will be much appreciated.