

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 11/5/2021

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Teacher Emails

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Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - Formal Dress

- **Monday, November 8th - Blue & Gold Day (Not Every Monday)**
- **Tuesday, November 9th - School Pictures (1st Grade)**
All students are to be in their formal dress uniforms for pictures.
- **Thursday, November 11th at 8:15 - Veterans' Day Prayer Service**
 - Please wear formal dress uniforms
 - Live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
- **Friday, November 12th**
 - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform)
 - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
 - School Pictures (Makeup Day)
- **Monday, November 22nd - Friday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Break**
 - School resumes on Monday, November 29th

Curriculum

Math

We utilized the short week to review skills previously taught such as addition, subtraction, place value, and overall number sense. Next week we will continue with subtraction and key vocabulary such as difference, subtract, take from, take apart, how many fewer, and how many more. We will also continue to use strategies/instruction with manipulatives, drawing pictures, and using number lines to demonstrate subtraction number sentences.

Reading and Language Arts

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, Maddi'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

Word Study/Spelling

We practiced sorting our words, chunking syllables, identifying phonemes (individual sounds) and focused on the /s/ sound. We looked at the spelling rules/generalizations for when and why /s/ is spelled with an s, ss, ce, ci, and cy. We also reviewed previously taught spelling patterns and skills. Next week students will receive a new word sort (spelling list).

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

This week we discussed All Saints Day, watched the Saints Program put on by the second graders and had an All Saints Day Mass. Next week we will continue learning about saints. We will start our "My ABC Saint Book" and learn about Pope Francis.

Science/ Social Studies

With Social Studies now being our focus for Q2, we kicked things off by discussing what it means to vote, the election process, and the recent elections from this past Tuesday. Next up, we will be completing activities around Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

Homework (M - Th)

For the week of: 11/8-11/12

Math- 1st Quarter Week 6 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!

This week has ushered in some much colder temperatures. 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. Also, as a reminder, Winter Dress begins when we return from Thanksgiving Break (Monday, November 29). 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.

GCS Volunteers - Virtus Training - 11/18

All adults who wish to volunteer at CCS must be Virtus trained. While volunteering in the building is currently on hold, we will be hosting a training session at CCS on Thursday, November 18 from 5:30PM-8:30PM. If you would like to volunteer, you will need to register for this training via the Virtus website (this session is now available on the Virtus website, virtusonline.org).

Online Spirit Wear Store

Our new Online Spirit Wear Store website has launched and is open for orders! Visit <https://spiritwear.cvillecatholic.org/> to see our current offerings. The current sale will close at 12:00PM (noon) on Monday, November 15.

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>

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