



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Monday, November 11** - Veterans Day Prayer Service
- **Thursday, November 14** - 1st Grade Salt Dough Advent Wreaths, STEM Lab
- **Thursday, November 14** - 11:30am Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Friday, November 15** - No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Thursday, November 21** - Service Project/Field Trip at Church of the Incarnation
- **Wednesday, December 4** - Field Trip to the Children's Museum of Richmond
- **Monday, December 9** - Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- **Thursday, December 12** - Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service
- **Thursday, December 19** - JK-2 Christmas Concert

School Announcements:

- **Lost & Found:** The Lost & Found is piling up! In addition to student items, there are several items that have been left by adults after events. Please make sure that student belongings (especially CCS-branded ones) are labeled. If you or your child are missing something, please come in and check the Lost & Found.
- **Diaper Drive–Faith in Action** is holding a Diaper Drive for Loaves & Fishes now through November 22. Collection bins will be in the student hallways. Your donation of new packages or boxes of diapers is greatly appreciated by the food pantry and parents in need.



Teacher's Messages/Announcements:

- Starting Monday, first grade will be collecting food to donate to the food ministry at Church of the Incarnation. We will be collecting food donations at school from November 11-20, then bringing them to our field trip/service project on 11/21 where we will be weighing, sorting, and preparing items for future distribution. [Please consider signing up to donate items if you are able!](#)
- Conference time is here! Here are the links to sign up for a conference with either Mrs. Mauney or Mrs. Milnor. Please let us know if you have any questions.
Mrs. Milnor- <https://calendly.com/mrsmilnorccs/milnor-conferences>
Mrs. Mauney- <https://calendly.com/r-mauney/mauney-conferences>
- Calling all **empty** tissue boxes! In November, first grade will be participating in a STEM activity using the book *Balloons Over Broadway*, where students will be creating their own parade floats using empty tissue boxes. So, when you've finished a tissue box at your home, please send it in with your student! Thank you!
- Brrrr...it's getting cold outside! We go outside for recess twice a day and students will be eating snack and lunch outside, as well, so please be sure to bundle up your student before school each morning!

Social Studies

This week we talked about Election Day and held our own classroom elections! Mrs. Milnor's class elected Mrs. Milnor for President! Mrs. Mauney's class will be holding their election Friday afternoon. Be on the lookout for those results in next week's newsletter. We also learned about Veterans Day and completed a whole grade level poster that will be displayed at our Veterans Day prayer service on Monday.

Math

This week we finished our unit on addition and took our assessment. The students are not expected to master all addition strategies but rather be exposed to all so that they can choose which one works best for them in certain situations. We then started our unit on subtraction. Next week we will continue learning about subtraction.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

Through our main story of the week, *Maddi's Fridge*, as well as supplemental readings, we made valuable connections (text to text and text to world) and explored ideas of friendship and charity. We also examined how to read a website while discussing internet safety. Next week we will use the short week to complete any unfinished work we may have, review past skills, and listen to books about being thankful.

Grammar

This week's focus was on common nouns vs. proper nouns. We addressed the need for proper nouns (specific names of people, places, and brands) to be capitalized and compared nouns like school and Charlottesville Catholic School.

Writing

This week we included proper nouns into our writing as we wrote about friendship and ways to help one another. We also wrote within Daily 5 activity rotations and in other content areas.

Theology

This week, we celebrated National Vocations Week by learning about the different ways God calls us to serve. Then, we made cards for a Seminarian to encourage him in his vocation. Finally, students learned about the November virtue of the month, Advocate, and how Servant of God Thea Bowman was an example of advocacy for African Americans both within and outside of the church. Next week, we will begin learning about the liturgical seasons of our faith.

Science

We focused on social studies this week.

Other Information

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)

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 classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library & Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art 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.

Homework (M-TH)

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and
should be done EVERY night!