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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

December 1, 2023

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break, and are slowly getting back into the swing of things. We've had a great week and hope you did too. The kids are working hard, and yesterday was the interim. Please let us know if you have any questions about anything you see in the gradebook. We are entering a busy season with Advent, the Christmas concert, and the St. Nick Shop right around the corner. We are confident that we will be able to keep up the energy, motivation, and perseverance through the 2nd quarter. Thank you for your continued support at home.

Blessings,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- The annual St. Nick's Shop (December 4-7) is an opportunity for JK-5 students to independently shop for their family at school. Participation is completely voluntary. Please fill out one form per child using [THIS LINK](#). Registration has been extended! The LAST DAY to complete the form is this Sunday, December 3.
- The Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program. Students read books and then compete in a team trivia-style competition. The Diocese of Richmond has tentatively set a date for Wednesday, March 29 for schools to participate. We will have a grades 3-5 team and a 6-8 team. If your child would like to participate, please email Mrs. DeVane (l.devane@cvillecatholic.org).
 - [3-5 Book List](#)
 - [6-8 Book List](#)
- Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:
 - Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.

- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**
- Help Wanted! Spend Quality Time with Jesus (12/5) This Tuesday, December 5th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during our day of Reconciliation for students to pray with and spend time with Jesus. However, Jesus cannot be left alone! Please consider setting aside an hour of your time and signing-up to come and pray with our Lord in the CCS Chapel. We also are in need of volunteers who can help walk students from the confessional spaces in the school to the chapel. Each opportunity is available in one hour increments. Sign up using the [LINK HERE](#). Please contact Megan Pearring, Religion Coordinator, with any questions. m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org
- Please note that we will NOT have Mass on Tuesday, December 5. Instead, Mass will be on Friday, December 8 for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Students do not need to wear their formal dress uniforms on Tuesday, December 5.

Important Dates

- Tuesday, December 5, 2023- No Mass (Mass will be on Friday)
- Friday, December 8, 2023- Mass (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)
- Tuesday, December 12, 2023- 3rd-5th Grade Christmas Concert
- Wednesday, December 13, 2023- JK-2 Christmas Concert
- Tuesday, December 19, 2023- Last Day of School Before Christmas Break
- Wednesday, December 20-January 2, 2024- Christmas Break
- Wednesday, January 5, 2024- School Resumes (Welcome Back!)

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students began a new chapter in which they are learning about Jamestown. Students are learning about the trials and tribulations early settlers went through as well as some of the key figures from that time period such as John Smith, Pocahontas, and Powhatan. We also did a fun journal activity as students learned about "The Lost Colony".

Next week, we will continue this chapter. The test over chapter 3 is currently scheduled for Friday, December 8. I sent out the study guide for this in their green homework folders today.

Science

In Science this week we've enjoyed presenting our Adaptation projects. We also learned how animals go extinct, and about ways different types of fossils form. Our test over Chapter 3 is scheduled for Thursday, December 7th.

Math

This week in Math we've been focused on Unit 7- division, and the concept of "equal sharing". We've learned how to divide multi-digit numbers by multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000, how to use compatible numbers to estimate quotients, and the partial quotient strategy for dividing larger dividends. Our Unit 7 Test is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students began putting their new nonfiction skills to the test! We began our research project which focuses on natural disasters. This is a big project that requires a lot of reading, note taking, and teamwork! Information on this can be found in Reading Google Classroom.

Theology

In Theology this week we have been focused on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. We have also been focused on Unit 2 Lesson 8- "How do we become members of the Church?"- learning more about each of the Sacraments of initiation. Next week, 4B will be working to plan Mass for the feast of Saint Juan Diego on December 12th. We will begin Unit 2 Lesson 9- "How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?" and will be celebrating the liturgical season of Advent in the classroom.