

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 12/10/2021

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Teacher Emails

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Thursday, December 16th - Tacky Christmas Sweater Day at CCS**
 - 1st Grade will also be watching The Polar Express and can wear **Pajamas**
 - Appropriate bottom and shoes must be worn
 - If students choose not to participate, they must be in regular uniform
- **Friday, December 17th (11:30 Dismissal - No Aftercare)**
 - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform)
 - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
- **Monday, December 20th - Friday, December 31st (Christmas Break)**
 - School will resume Monday, January 3rd

Curriculum

Math

This week we continued our unit on geometry and fractions. We focused our attention on composing 2 Dimensional shapes such as a, square, triangle, rectangle, trapezoid, rhombus, hexagon, pentagon, and octagon. We had fun with the challenge of building different shapes as well as creating other objects such as dinosaurs and our own creations. We also reviewed these shapes' attributes, specifically how many sides and vertices each shape has. Next week we will continue reviewing 2 Dimensional shapes, but will also introduce 3 Dimensional shapes and study their unique attributes.

Reading and Language Arts

Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *The Great Spruce*. We used this story to help us establish a purpose for reading and develop good habits as readers. One such habit was reading a text more than once. We analyzed a variety of texts through multiple reads in order to find enjoyment in the stories, dig a little deeper, and analyze specific information/find text evidence. Next week we will read the *Polar Express* and continue to practice these skills, as well review past skills, in order to strengthen our overall reading.

Grammar

This week we practiced Verb Tense (Past: -ed, Present: -s, -es, and Future: will + verb). We introduced each of these spelling patterns and completed activities where students needed to

identify and use the appropriate tense in their own writing. Next week we will review and practice past skills.

Word Study/Spelling

We practiced sorting our words, identified closed syllables (a short vowel followed by consonants), introduced open syllables (a syllable that ends in a vowel with a long sound), identified phonemes (individual sounds) and focused on the voiced /zh/ sound. We also looked at the spelling rules/generalizations for how to spell the /zh/ sound (**genre, beige, treasure, vision**). And continued reviewing previously taught spelling patterns and skills. Next week students will receive a new word sort (spelling list).

Writing

This week we highlighted verb tenses (past, present, and future) and practiced using words in each of these tenses in our writing. We also recorded evidence and our thoughts on the stories that we read this week. Additionally, we continue to write in our Daily 5 rotations with activities such as journal/story writing and dictation of sentences. Next week we will continue practicing our writing skills through a variety of activities and opportunities.

Religion

This week we continued to talk about Advent. We learned that Advent is a season of waiting and that we are preparing to accept Jesus into our hearts. We continued working on our Jesse Trees that will tell the story of Christmas. We got a visit from St. Nick and wrote a prayer for our adoration time in the chapel. We learned about Our Lady of Guadalupe in preparation for her fest day next week. Next week we will continue to learn about Advent, add to our Jesse Tree and talk about the season of Christmas.

Science/ Social Studies

This week we discussed rules/laws and how they help keep us safe within school and broader communities. We also highlighted community helpers, volunteers, and opportunities for children to participate and contribute within a community. Next week we will be discussing Christmas and completing various themed activities.

Homework (M - Th)

For the week of: 12/13-12/17

Math- 1st Quarter Week 10 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. December books = Gingerbread Cookies). 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 Our Father Prayer

Notes From the Classroom

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 recess, lunch, and snack as much as we can.

Winter Dress

This means we are no longer wearing shorts and ankle socks. Girls must also be in navy knee highs, navy leggings, or navy tights. 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.

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 (December 2021 - June 2022)

[CCS School Calendar December 2021-June 2022](#)

We have several major CCS events missing from the calendar such as Grandparents and Great Friends Day, Field Day, the Art Show, and our Read-A-Thon. These events must remain fluid due to ongoing COVID 19 restrictions.

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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