



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter

### 3rd Grade

### 12/15/23

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements**

- 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.**
- 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](#)
- **PLEASE NOTE** : Our field trip to Montcello is scheduled for March 15th, 2024. Details will follow in January. We are excited to be going on a field **trip** this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link:  
[https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?the](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the)
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX\\_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing)

#### **Teacher email addresses**

- Ms. Grassi - [k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org)
- Mr. Little - [t.little@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:t.little@cvillecatholic.org)

## Social Studies

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**This week** students will learn facts about the continent of Asia. They will explore and learn about three geographic features; The Huang He River, Himalayas, and Gobi Desert. Students will also draw and label the geographic features on a map for their passport.

**Next week** students will explore Europe and learn about Greece, the Mediterranean Sea, the Alps, and the Italian Peninsula. Students will draw and label the geographic features on a map for their passport. They will be given five vocabulary words to start working on their vocabulary foldable activity.

## Math

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**This week** students will learn how to use place value when adding three and four digit numbers with regrouping, and how to make a reasonable estimate. They will also be introduced to algebra by learning the three properties of addition; commutative, associative, and identity.

**Next week** students will learn strategies for mental math subtraction with two digit numbers and regrouping using three and four digit numbers. They will also work on their subtraction fluency and accuracy.

- MATH WEBSITES:  
[www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com) - use student username and password to access Study Island.  
[www.mathsisfun.com](http://www.mathsisfun.com) - for increasing addition/subtraction fluency and accuracy.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### **This Week:**

We have been enjoying our Novel Study on *The Christmas Pig*. *The Polar Express* has also helped us learn about and practice descriptive writing (adjectives and figurative language: similes), as well as sentence structure (simple and compound sentences and compound predicates).

### **Next Week (and 1/3-1/5):**

-Grammar:

-*Workbook-Review Section 5*: Identify Adjectives (5.1-5.2), Subject Complements (5.3, 5.4), Comparing Adj. (5.5-5.6), How Many (5.7), and Proper Adjectives and Noun-Adjectives (5.10-5.11) - ~~Test on Wed 12/13~~ I am going to push this Test until after the New Year.

-*Mentor Sentence* - NO Sentence this Week (Next Mentor Sentence - Week of 1/8)

-Old: No Words Assigned - **No Quiz Next Week**

-New: Word Study (Spelling): No New Words Assigned (Next Set of Words - Wed 1/10)

-Featured Story: NO Story this Week (Next Story will be Week of 1/8 - **Quiz 1/12**)

### Learning Ally **NO featured story this week**

-portal.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud/Audiobook 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)

# Theology

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## **This Week:**

It was another busy week in Theology. We continued preparing for the next Mass that 3rd grade will lead (Tuesday, 12/19) as well as lots of rehearsing for our Christmas Concert, which led to a wonderful evening . We also continued celebrating the liturgical season of Advent (Hope, **Peace**, Joy, and Love), which is a time of preparation, a time of joyful and hopeful waiting, and a time to make space in our hearts to receive Jesus!

## **Next Week:**

We are excited to lead Mass on 12/19, celebrate the third week of Advent (Joy), and kick off the Winter break with some festive Christmas parties.

# Science

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**This week** students will learn about the planets in our solar system, the differences of the inner and outer planets, sun, and constellations. They will begin working on their vocabulary foldable booklet involving the solar system.

**Next week** students will learn about the order of our planets, and the kind of objects found in our universe. They will learn facts about the eight primary planets and the constellations forming a pattern of stars. Students will also learn about star patterns changing with the seasons.