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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

December 15, 2023

Dear 4th Grade Families,

As the week draws to a close, we find ourselves immersed in this sacred season of Advent. We aim to celebrate the spirit of giving, gratitude, and the bonds that unite us in anticipation for our coming Christmas festivities. As we wrap up the year in the coming weeks, we extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for being an integral part of our learning community. May the light of Christ guide you in the coming year. Sending warm wishes for a blessed and joyous Christmas.

4th Grade Team

Announcements

- 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.**

Important Dates

- 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, we began a short project. In this project, students will answer the question, "What was life like for the settlers of Jamestown?". Students created a poster in which they designed a flag and wrote a short essay to represent what the settlers of Jamestown went through during this very important time period.

This project will be presented next Monday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 19. Students will be able to choose which day works better for them.

Science

This week in Science we began Ch. 4 on the Human Body. Our introduction involved a "Pulse Rates" lab in which students were able to better understand the way our heart responds to different kinds of activities. We incorporated math while calculating the rate of our pulse over 15 s intervals and converting that (multiplying by 4) into beats per minute. We had an overview over each body system, and look forward to exploring each of these in depth next week, and when we return from break. Students worked in groups to create informative slide presentations over each topic covered in Ch. 1. They will present these next week.

Math

This week in math we've been focused on our division strategies. We will continue working on our multiplication and division fluency with multi-digit numbers until break, and begin Unit 8 on Fraction Equivalence when we return,

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued putting their new nonfiction skills to the test! Students have been working very hard on this research project and are becoming proficient in

research and writing! The presentations that students created were engaging and very informative!

We also began a short poetry unit and will come back to that unit later in the school year.

Theology

4B did an excellent job preparing Mass for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. How beautiful! The kids have been excited each day as we learn a new story from the Old Testament. We've been focused on Unit 2 Lesson 9: "How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?" We've come to better understand the presence of constant conversion and repentance in our own lives, as we listen to accounts and read parables that demonstrate God's grace and mercy. We enjoyed learning the Act of Contrition, and writing this prayer to help ourselves commit it to memory. Our Unit 2 Lesson 9 quiz is scheduled for Tuesday, 12/19.

Field trip permission slips for our field trip to Our Lady of the Angels Monastery are due by Tuesday, 12/19.