



**Charlottesville
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Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, December 19- Monday, January 2-** Christmas Break
- **Tuesday, January 3-** School Resumes

Announcements:

Food Drive

We have been learning about being charitable in the spirit of St. Nicholas Day that we celebrated on Tuesday. Next week our class will hold a food drive for the Holy Comforter Food Pantry. Please prayerfully consider donating any non-perishable foods next week so we can bless the food pantry this holiday season.

Uniform Information

When we return from Christmas break, please make sure that your child's uniforms fit properly and guidelines regarding hair, makeup, and jewelry are being followed. Additionally, it is imperative that your child comes to school in proper outerwear for recess. Coats, hats, and gloves are required for the winter months. We truly appreciate your support.

Cuando regresemos de las vacaciones de Navidad, por favor asegúrese de que el uniforme de su hijo le quede bien y que siga las reglas con respecto al cabello, el maquillaje y las joyas. Por ejemplo, para los niños, el cabello no debe extenderse sobre las orejas o debajo del cuello de la camisa. Tampoco debe tocar las cejas. Para niñas, los lazos para el cabello deben ser conservadores. También no se permite esmalte ni aretas que cuelgan. Adicionalmente, es imperativo que su hijo venga a la escuela con abrigo adecuado para el recreo. Se requieren abrigos, gorros y guantes para los meses de invierno. Nosotros verdaderamente apreciamos tu apoyo. Como siempre, si tiene alguna pregunta acerca del uniforme, por favor comuníquese con la Srta. Goodwin.

Social Studies

This week we discussed Christmas, holiday customs, and traditions, as well as completed various themed activities.

Math

This week we reviewed all our addition skills and solved the case of "The Selfish Elf".

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read the book *The Polar Express* and used it to discuss and review several skills. We analyzed the story and identified key details found in the beginning, middle, and ending sections. Specifically, we determined a sequence of events and considered cause and effect as it related to the story as well as established a purpose for reading. We further stressed good reading strategies/habits such as reading a text more than once and analyzing pictures as well.

Grammar

This week we reviewed Verb Tense (Past: -ed, Present: -s, -es, and Future: will + verb), Parts of Speech, and Punctuation. We will continue to look at these skills as well as review and practice additional spelling patterns and writing rules moving forward.

Writing

This week we continued to develop our writing by incorporating previously taught skills (i.e., verb tense, punctuation, and descriptive adjectives). We also completed writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing and dictation of sentences.

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 also continued working on our Jesse Trees that will tell the story of Christmas and discussed the season of Christmas.

Science

We will be focusing on Social Studies this quarter.

Other Information

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch(11:50)

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

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library Tuesday - Art and Music Wednesday - P.E. and Art

Thursday-Mass and Library 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.

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

Homework (M-Th)

For the week of: Christmas Break

Math- No Homework

Reading- No Homework, but... Christmas Reading Adventures Welcomed!

Don't forget to 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- No Homework

Religion- No Homework