



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- 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.

Calendar/Important Dates:

- **School Closed - Christmas Break (Monday, 12/19 - Monday, 1/2)**
- **School Resumes (Tuesday, 1/3)**

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Science

This week students review the parts of a plant and their functions. They will be introduced to different types of plants and how they have adapted to their ecosystems.

Next week students will be introduced to different types of plants and their ecosystems. We will learn about how plants make food through the process of photosynthesis. We will review the parts of a plant cell and their functions.

Social Studies

This week students are working on their Travel Advertisement Project.

Next week students will complete their Travel Advertisement Project and begin presenting their posters. They will be evaluated using a rubric.

Math

This week students will learn to add three digit numbers with regrouping over to the tens and hundreds place. Students will continue to work on Money and Rounding using our Study Island website.

Next week students will learn strategies when adding four digit numbers with regrouping and estimation, as well as working on problem solving strategies involving estimation.

Websites:

- **Username and passwords are located in students' agenda for Study Island.**
- **StudyIsland.com**
- **Math Trainer- addition, subtraction Fluency Practice : no username or password is required.**

Language Arts/Writing

This Week:

This week we reviewed the following Grammar, Word Study, and Affix Skills:

- Word Study: Vowel Team Spelling Pattern Review - R-Controlled (bossy r) - er (soccer), ir (circus), ur (turkey)
- Suffixes: al (having characteristics of), as well as able/ible, ion, er, est, ly, ing, e/es, ed, un, re
- Paragraph Writing Review (The 2022 Men's World Cup) - Used the "hamburger" graphic organizer to structure our writing (topic sentence, 3 details, and conclusion) and continued the Writing Process through until a final copy.

Next Week:

- Daily Grammar Review: Adverbs and Adjectives
- Word Study: R-Controlled Syllable Review - (er, ir, ur), ar, or, (are, air)
- Writing: Review of Skills

Homework:

- Word Study (M-Th) - 10 min. Students do not need to turn anything in.

Reading

This Week:

- Featured Story: *The Carpenter's Gift*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIYIJJMPOfQ>
- Focus Skills: Schema (Prior Knowledge/Life Experiences) and Inferencing
- We also read and discussed several other related texts, applying Close Reading strategies to help breakdown and aid in comprehension.

Learning Ally - read.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud Book options, similar to Epic, but can be accessed at home at no additional cost to you.

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Next Week:

-Featured Story: *The Polar Bear Son: An Inuit Tale* - Fiction - Fairy Tale/Folk Tale

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kh0NryE2jT4>

-Focus Skills: Synthesizing, Folk Tale

-We will continue to use CLOSE reading strategies such as annotating text, Paragraph chunking, Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then, and Graphic Organizers to support comprehension.

Not Homework but Recommended:

Nightly Reading (M-Th) - Approximately 20 min. Students should indicate the number of minutes read each night/week in their planner.

Religion

This Week: Third Week of Advent (Joy)

We completed several activities related to Advent (e.g., Videos, Arts and Crafts, and Discussions). We also lit our first, Second, and Third Advent candles each morning and included some additional prayers and songs during our Morning Announcements.

Next Week: We will begin *Lesson 5 - What is the Church?* in our Christ In Us book and focus on Faith Words such as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. We will also continue celebrating the liturgical Christmas season, which concludes on January 8th.