

# Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 12/17/2021

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

### Teacher Emails

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### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, December 20th - Friday, December 31st (Christmas Break)**
  - School will resume Monday, January 3rd
- **Friday, January 7th (11:30 Dismissal - No Aftercare)**
  - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform)
    - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
- **Monday, January 10th**
  - Blue & Gold Day

## Curriculum

### Math

This week we reviewed 2 Dimensional shapes such as a, square, triangle, rectangle, trapezoid, rhombus, hexagon, pentagon, and octagon and practiced with 3 Dimensional shapes such as a cube, cone, cylinder, rectangular prism, pyramid, and sphere. We looked at their attributes (i.e., faces, edges, and vertices) and completed several activities to reinforce and distinguish these shapes. After the break we will introduce fractions.

### Reading and Language Arts

#### 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.

### Word Study/Spelling

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

### 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/ Social Studies**

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

## **Homework**

**For the weeks of: 12/20-12/31**

**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

# 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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**Mr. Little - JBPQ2**