



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, December 5- Friday, December 9-** St. Nick's Shop
Thursday, December 8- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:15 am Mass in the gym. All students must be in their dress uniform
Monday, December 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service 8:15am
Wednesday, December 14- Christmas Concert
Thursday, December 15- 8:15 am Mass in the gym. All students must be in their dress uniform.
Friday, December 16- Tacky Sweater Day 11:30 am Dismissal NO AFTERCARE

Announcements:

December 5-9: St. Nick's Shop

The Cville Catholic School St. Nick's shop is a chance for students in JK-5th grade to shop for some small holiday gifts for family members. The shop will offer items ranging from \$2-\$15 that students can choose to purchase for family members (sibling gifts are available in the lower dollar range and some of the parent gifts are in the upper range). The week before the event, a form will be sent home for parents to complete listing the names of each gift recipient and dollar amount range that each student can spend per person on the list. Participation is optional. Parents can elect to donate any unspent funds to the school, or request change.

Each class will have a designated shopping day/time. A few students at a time will go in to shop (the rest of the class will watch a Christmas movie while waiting). Once inside, each shopper will walk around with a volunteer parent shopper to help them choose gifts within their shopping budget. Gifts will be wrapped by a separate set of parents. Volunteers are needed to help with shopping and check-out/wrapping.

If you're interested in helping out during the week, please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AFAD2FAAFCC70-stnicks>

Christmas Concert

We can't wait to see you all for the Christmas concert. Please follow these procedures for dropping off and picking up your child:

- Plan on arriving by 5:45 pm, so students can be in the classroom at 6 pm, ready to go.
- Students need to be in their "Christmas best". Please have them bring their water bottles.
- Parents can head straight to the gym for the concert.
- Feel free to look around the main hallway by the gym, as students have created artwork that goes with the songs we are singing during our art classes this semester.
- Once the concert is over, students will be taken back to their classrooms for pick up. Be sure to sign them out in their classroom.

Looking forward to sharing the Christmas joy through music and art!

Snack Drive

The CCS Student Council will be having a snack drive (similar to previous canned food drives) to benefit local public schools who have students who are food insecure.

Next week, **Monday, December 5 through Friday, December 9**, we will be collecting snacks. There are no dietary or allergy restrictions. **Any individually wrapped food/snacks are acceptable.**

Snacks will be collected in homerooms and tallied by the student council. Winning grade level will earn 1 free dress day.

Social Studies

This week we continued learning about Jamestown. We read and completed a mini book during our social studies time. We are excited to have Jamestown come and visit us on December 9. They will be talking to us about how Virginia was back then and how it is now (Virginia Then and Now).

Math

This week we continued to practice addition. We learned how to count on, draw a picture, use a number line and add to a set. Next week we will continue practicing addition and learn how to add doubles, doubles with unknown numbers, doubles plus one, and that we can add in any order.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we analyzed and compared nonfiction and narrative nonfiction texts. We discussed the "story-like" elements that exist within a narrative and the difference between showing versus explaining. We also discussed how both text and illustrations can convey information to the reader. With a focus on hibernation, the book *Over and Under the Snow* as well as other nonfiction readers were used to practice reading and reviewing relevant nonfiction text and

graphic features on this subject matter. Next week we will read *The Great Spruce* we will learn how to establish a purpose for reading.

Grammar

This week we practiced using the pronouns I, me, and my. We learned how these words can be used in place of a proper noun and can help make your writing flow better and sound less repetitive.

Writing

This week we highlighted the pronouns I, me, and my and practiced using these words in our writing. We also wrote about animals from our nonfiction texts, describing their unique characteristics. Additionally, after analyzing various pictures and illustrations, we wrote about what we thought the images were trying to convey. Next week will continue with these writing skills as well as verb tenses.

Religion

This week we started talking about the Advent season and how it is a time of waiting. We recorded all the Sundays in Advent and drew our own Advent wreath. We have also been adding ornaments to our Jesse Tree.

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: 12/5-12/9

Math- 2nd Quarter Week 2

Reading- read for 15 min./night. Additionally, for each completed book, your child will color in their reading log for the month (e.g., September books = apples). 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- ***Monday:*** Cut and sort words (keep them in the pencil pouch in your binder), ***Tuesday:*** Sort your words- write and illustrate 8 words, ***Wednesday:*** Sort your words- choose 4 words to use in a sentence (try your best with the spelling of words), ***Thursday:*** Glue your words onto the sorting mat that came home on Monday.

Religion- Advent Week 2 "Let's Talk About It"