



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 3rd Grade

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements:**

- 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. 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. Thank you for your support!**

#### **Calendar/Important Dates:**

- **3rd Grade Service Day (PACEM/Incarnation) - 12/5 (Donations due 12/2)**  
Toiletry kits - Kits should include sample size toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razor, dental floss, small sized deodorant, chapstick, and small hand sanitizer.
- **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: December 14th at 6: 15 pm in the gym.**  
**\*Students should arrive at CCS by 5:45. Parents will drop off their child at their 3rd Grade classroom and must sign in and sign out when the concert is finished.\***

**Teacher email addresses:**

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## Science

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**This week** students will learn what plants need to live and the functions of each part. They will learn the process of photosynthesis and be introduced to deciduous trees and evergreens. We will begin to work on our vocabulary foldables.

**Next week** students will be introduced to different types of plants and their ecosystems. We will begin our seed experiment to explore the needs and function of a seed. We will review the parts of a plant cell and their functions.

## Social Studies

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**This week** students will begin working on their Travel Advertisement Project for the five continents, this will include the geographic features for all five continents. They will present their projects on Friday.

**Homework:** Study their Study Guide each night. Our unit test will be on the week of the 12th of December.

**Next week** students will be introduced to life in Ancient Egypt beginning with the Nile River, and then learn about Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics. I will be sending home a "Parent Letter" outlining the concepts students will be learning in this unit.

## Math

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**This week** students will learn about addition patterns using an addition table and strategies for adding mentally. They will be introduced to estimating sums of three digit numbers in addition. They will continue to work on counting money and making change using our Study Island website.

**Next 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 Number Patterns using our Study Island website.

**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

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## **This Week:**

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

- Transitions/Linking Words, and Conjunctions
- Simple and Compound Sentences
- Word Study: Vowel Team Spelling Pattern Review - R-Controlled (bossy r) - ar, or, ore
- Suffixes: al (having characteristics of), as well as able/ible, ion, er, est, ly, ing, e/es, ed, un, re
- Paragraph Writing (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: Focus: Transitions/Linking Words, and Conjunctions
- Word Study: R-Controlled - air, are, ear
- Writing: Paragraph Writing (topic sentence, 3 details, and a concluding sentence)

## **Homework:**

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

# Reading

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## **This Week:**

We read and discussed several texts, applying Close Reading strategies to help breakdown and aid in comprehension.

Learning Ally - [read.learningally.org](http://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.

Username - For example - t.little@cvillecatholic.org or ti.little@cvillecatholic.org (Student email)

Password - For example - catholic1234 (catholic + last 4 of Student ID)

## **Next Week:**

-Featured Story: The Carpenter's Gift

[https://www.google.com/search?q=the+carpenter%27s+gift&sxsrf=ALiCzsb9wlStpwutULhTz\\_dBTQshir8XEA:1669899341922&source=Inms&tbm=vid&sa=X&ved=2ahUKFwjxtfou9j7AhWckXIEHdCHA\\_EQ\\_AUoAXoECAIQAw&biw=1536&bih=688&dpr=1.25#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:bf399eb3,vid:DIYIIMPOfQ](https://www.google.com/search?q=the+carpenter%27s+gift&sxsrf=ALiCzsb9wlStpwutULhTz_dBTQshir8XEA:1669899341922&source=Inms&tbm=vid&sa=X&ved=2ahUKFwjxtfou9j7AhWckXIEHdCHA_EQ_AUoAXoECAIQAw&biw=1536&bih=688&dpr=1.25#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:bf399eb3,vid:DIYIIMPOfQ)

-Focus Skills: Schema (Prior Knowledge/Life Experiences) and Inferencing

-Novel Study: A new book will be assigned TBD

-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

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**This Week:**

We began thinking about and working through activities related to Advent. We also lit our first Advent candle each morning and included some additional prayers and songs during our Morning Announcements.

**Next Week:** We will be completing our Service Day activities, which will include assembling toiletry bags, making cards, and decorating posters to display at the Church of Incarnation for all of the visitors that will be hosted there around the end of this year/beginning of next year. We will also be continuing our discussions about Advent and completing related activities. Additionally, 3rd Grade (Ms. Grassi's homeroom) will be leading Mass next week on 12/8.