

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 12/3/2021

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Teacher Emails

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, December 6th**
 - Blue and Gold Day
- **Wednesday, December 8th (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)**
 - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform)
 - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
- **Friday, December 10th**
 - No Mass (Please wear normal winter dress uniform)
- **Thursday, December 16th - Tacky Christmas Sweater Day at CCS**
 - 1st Grade will also be watching The Polar Express and can wear Pajamas
 - Appropriate bottom and shoes must be worn
 - If students choose not to participate, they must be in regular uniform
- **Friday, December 17th (11:30 Dismissal - No Aftercare)**
 - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform)
 - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
- **Monday, December 20th - Friday, December 31st (Christmas Break)**
 - School will resume Monday, January 3rd

Curriculum

Math

This week we began our unit on geometry and fractions. We focused our attention on classifying 2 Dimensional shapes such as a circle, square, rectangle, trapezoid, rhombus, hexagon, and octagon. We discussed their attributes, specifically how many sides and vertices each shape has. We completed several sorting activities and games to reinforce these attributes. Next week we will continue with 2 Dimensional shapes. We will compose shapes and create various designs using pattern blocks and individual shapes.

Reading and Language Arts

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. Next week we will ...

Word Study/Spelling

We practiced sorting our words, identifying closed syllables (a short vowel followed by consonants), identifying phonemes (individual sounds) and focused on the unvoiced /sh/ sound. We also looked at the spelling rules/generalizations for how to spell the /sh/ sound (**shed**, **chef**, **special**, **action**, **decision**, and **expression**). And continued reviewing previously taught spelling patterns and skills. Next week students will receive a new word sort (spelling list).

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 talked about Advent. We learned that Advent is a season of waiting and that we are preparing to accept Jesus into our hearts. We started working on our Jesse Trees that will tell the story of Christmas and we prepared for St. Nicks Day. Next week we will learn more about St. Nicks Day, continue working on our Jesse Tree, and talking about Christmas Around the World.

Science/ Social Studies

This week we discussed rules/laws and how they help keep us safe within school and broader communities. We also highlighted community helpers, volunteers, and opportunities for children to participate and contribute within a community. Next week we will discuss ...

Homework (M - Th)

For the week of: 12/6-12/10

Math- 1st Quarter Week 9 Math Sheet - Complete one activity each night (M - Th).

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please 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- Students should sort their Word Study/Spelling words each night as well as work on 3 activities total of their choosing from the Weekly Spelling Menu (M - Th, 10 min./night).

Religion- Practice Our Father Prayer

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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