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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- 12/13 - JK-2 Concert, 6:15pm (Students need to arrive 5:45 pm)
- 12/15 - Tacky Sweater Day
- 12/18 - Polar Express Classroom Event (12:30-3:00)
- 12/19 - Reader's Theater Nativity Story, Performance Hall (10:00am)

Announcements:

We are looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season with our students on Monday, December 18th at our Polar Express party! If you are able to donate some of the items needed or assist with the event (setup/during/cleaning), please sign up [here](#). We are also collecting donations to purchase the decorations. If you are interested in contributing a few dollars, please Venmo Mary Ellen Quinn @Meltag1763 (last 4 digits of cell are 5040). Please indicate in the Venmo description that this is for the 1&2 grade Christmas party (to prevent tax collection). We also welcome any decorations or costumes that you might be able to lend to fit the theme (train conductor, Santa, elves, waiters, north pole, etc.) - just let us know what you have!

Please know that we will be going outside even in the very cold winter months. Our girls can wear navy tights or capris to keep them warm outside. Of course, pants and polos are also a good option. Bare skin on frigid days is a concern. Please help us by helping your child on days they wear a jumper. Thank you!

Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:

- Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.

- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

Friday, December 15 is our Tacky Christmas Sweater Day at CCS! Students will be allowed to wear appropriate tacky Christmas sweaters to school that day.

- Students in K-5 may wear either their school uniform jumpers or pants, or CCS sweatpants.
- Middle School students may wear school uniform skirts or pants, blue jeans, or CCS sweatpants.
- All students must wear their uniform shoes.
- Any students not participating must wear their normal uniform.

Social Studies

This week we continued traveling around the world to see how other countries celebrate the winter holidays. We visited Mexico and learned about traditional foods, activities, and fun facts about how they celebrate Christmas. We also learned about Las Posadas both in Theology and Social Studies. We also visited Italy and learned about La Bafana, Babbo Natale and the Feast of the Seven Fishes. Next week we will finish our journey through Italy and go on a journey to Sweden.

Math

This week we continued our unit on subtraction. We learned how to use doubles facts and doubles +1 and +2 addition facts to help us solve subtraction sentences. We also worked on finding the missing number in a subtraction equation. Next week we will continue learning about subtraction within 20.

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 Animals Santa* and will practice analyzing illustrations to discover important details from the story.

Writing/ Grammar

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.

Theology

In Theology, we read accounts from the Old Testament and decorated our Jesse Tree with the ornaments we created to represent them and "lit" the first candle on our salt dough advent wreaths. We, also, complemented our Social Studies holidays around the world lesson by learning about Las Posadas and, finally, prepared for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception by talking about how Mary is the new Eve!

Science

We focused on social studies this week.

Other Information

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 (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 classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

Specials Schedule

Monday - Art and Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-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.

Homework (M-TH)

Math- Complete Spiral Math Review 13

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. FOR FUN! Reading Advent calendar :) See how many you can complete.

ELA- Complete Spiral ELA Review 13

Religion- Practice Hail Mary Prayer