



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

12/8/23

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- CCS Christmas Concerts - 3rd-5th Grade concert is on Tuesday, December 12 and the JK-2nd Grade concert is on Wednesday, December 13. Both concerts start at 6:15PM—students will need to arrive at school *between 5:40PM and 5:55PM*.
- 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.
- The Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program. Students read books and then compete in a team trivia-style competition. The Diocese of Richmond has tentatively set a date for Wednesday, March 29 for schools to participate. We will have a grades 3-5 team and a 6-8 team. If your child would like to participate, please email Mrs. DeVane (l.devane@cvillecatholic.org).
 - [3-5 Book List](#)
 - [6-8 Book List](#)

- **PLEASE NOTE** : Our field trip to Montcello is scheduled for March 15th, 2024. Details will follow in January. We are excited to be going on a field **trip** this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link:
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing

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Social Studies

This week students will complete a vocabulary foldable, and be introduced to our next continent Asia. They will explore and learn about ancient empires, as well as, the geographic features; The Huang He River, Himalayas, and Gobi Desert.

Next week students will learn facts about the continent of Asia. They will explore and learn about three geographic features; The Huang He River, Himalayas, and Gobi Desert. Students will also draw and label the geographic features on a map for their passport.

Math

This week students are learning how to round three and four digit numbers to the nearest ten and hundred, then adding the estimates together to understand an estimated sum.

Next week students will learn how to use place value when adding three and four digit numbers with regrouping, and how to make a reasonable estimate.. They will also be introduced to algebra by learning the three properties of addition; commutative, associative, and identity.

- MATH WEBSITES:
www.studyisland.com - use student username and password to access Study Island.
www.mathsisfun.com- for increasing addition/subtraction fluency and accuracy.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We have been enjoying our Novel Study on *The Christmas Pig* by J.K. Rowling.

Next Week:

-Grammar:

- Workbook-Review Section 5: Identify Adjectives (5.1-5.2), Subject Complements (5.3, 5.4), Comparing Adj. (5.5-5.6), How Many (5.7), and Proper Adjectives and Noun-Adjectives (5.10-5.11)* - ~~Test on Wed 12/13~~ I am going to push this Test until after the New Year.
- Mentor Sentence (Focus: Compound Predicate and Noun-Adjectives) - Quiz on Fri 12/15
- Polar Express*

We sang Christmas carols and ate candies with nougat centers as white as snow.

Word Study Update: Moving forward, students will be receiving a 1 page Reading Passage, along with the weekly Homework Packet, that highlights the spelling/phonics feature of the week. Repeated readings of this passage will provide additional support to their Word Study, but it will also help to improve reading fluency and their overall reading development. **Reading passages do not need to be turned in and should be kept in the blue folder until the week is over.**

-Old: No Words Assigned - **No Quiz Next Week**

-New: Word Study (Spelling): No New Words Assigned (Next Set of Words - Wed 1/3)

-Featured Story: NO Story this Week - **NO Quiz on Fri 12/15**

***For the final 7 days of school, we will continue to Read/Do a Novel Study on *The Christmas Pig* by J.K. Rowling. Students will be completing a variety of interactive and engaging Language Arts and Reading activities to review/reinforce previously taught skills as well as to help introduce new skills and vocabulary.**

Learning Ally Students will be utilizing Learning Ally during class time to read/follow along during discussions of *The Christmas Pig*. **Request:** Please prompt your child to not read ahead at home. They may however use Learning Ally to go back and reread or catch up on anything missed in class.

-portal.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud/Audiobook 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)

Theology

This Week:

It was a busy week in Theology. We continued preparing for the next Mass that 3rd grade will lead (Tuesday, 12/19) as well as practiced for our Christmas Concert (Tuesday, 12/12). We also celebrated the beginning of the liturgical season of Advent (Hope), which is a time of preparation, a time of joyful and hopeful waiting, and a time to make space in our hearts to receive Jesus!

Next Week:

It will be more of the same next week and into the break. We will continue preparing for Mass on 12/19 and celebrating the second week of Advent (Peace). Our Jesse Tree will also begin to take shape as we tell the story of God's people waiting for a savior, through a colorful wall art display.

Science

This week students will be introduced to the planets in our solar system, and learn about the differences of the inner and outer planets, sun, and constellations. They will begin working on their vocabulary foldable involving the solar system.

Next week students will learn about the order of our planets, and the kind of objects found in our universe. They will learn facts about the eight primary planets and the constellations forming a pattern of stars. Students will also learn about star patterns changing with the seasons.