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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

December 8, 2023

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We had a wonderful week in 4th grade and hope you did as well! This was a jam packed week with advent beginning, St. Nick's Shop, Christmas concert rehearsals, and much more! We appreciate you and your families as we continue in this busy, but amazing, time of year. Have a fantastic weekend and we will see you at the Christmas Concert next week!

All the best,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- 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](#)
- 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.

Important Dates

- Tuesday, December 12, 2023- 3rd-5th Grade Christmas Concert
- Wednesday, December 13, 2023- JK-2 Christmas Concert
- Tuesday, December 19, 2023- Last Day of School Before Christmas Break
- Wednesday, December 20-January 2, 2024- Christmas Break
- Wednesday, January 5, 2024- School Resumes (Welcome Back!)

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students finished their chapter on Jamestown. Students are learning about the trials and tribulations early settlers went through. We also learned about the House of Burgesses and other important pieces of early American history.

Next week, we will be completing a project based on chapter 3. Students will need a posterboard for this project. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Science

This week in Science we enjoyed our test review over Ch. 3. We also had the opportunity to continue working on mini-projects from previous lessons that were unfinished like "A Seed's Journey" and the animal life cycle diagrams of our choice. Next week we will begin Ch. 4 on the Human Body!

Math

In Math this week, we have been focused on division in Unit 7. We learned the partial quotient strategy using compatible numbers and area models. We also learned how to interpret the meaning of remainders in multi-step word problems. [Our Unit 7 test is](#)

scheduled for Thursday, December 12th. Next week we will begin Unit 8 on Fraction Equivalence.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued putting their new nonfiction skills to the test! We began our research project which focuses on natural disasters. This is a big project that requires a lot of reading, note taking, and teamwork! Information on this can be found in Reading Google Classroom.

Next week, students will present their group project to the class on Tuesday.

Theology

In Theology this week 4th grade practiced planning for Mass on Tuesday December 12th, and we had the opportunity to attend Reconciliation and Adoration here at school. We began our Advent Calendar and stories of the Jesse Tree this week, and began Unit 2 Lesson 9 in our Theology textbook- "How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?" We had a lesson on our December Virtue of the month and completed activities like the Tau cross and Nativity scene pertaining to St. Francis of Assisi -our exemplary role model in living out this tenet. There will be a Unit 2 Lesson 9 Quiz at the end of next week.