



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

Monday, December 12- Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service 8:15am

Wednesday, December 14- Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 15- 8:15 am Mass in the gym. All students must be in their dress uniform.

Friday, December 16- Tacky Sweater Day 11:30 am Dismissal NO AFTERCARE.

- 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

Announcements:

Christmas Concert

We can't wait to see you all for the Christmas concert. Please follow these procedures for dropping off and picking up your child:

- Plan on arriving by 5:45 pm, so students can be in the classroom at 6 pm, ready to go.
- Students need to be in their "Christmas best". Please have them bring their water

bottles.

- Parents can head straight to the gym for the concert.

- Feel free to look around the main hallway by the gym, as students have created artwork that goes with the songs we are singing during our art classes this semester.

- Once the concert is over, students will be taken back to their classrooms for pick up. Be sure to sign them out in their classroom.

Looking forward to sharing the Christmas joy through music and art!

Food Drive

We have been learning about being charitable in the spirit of St. Nicholas Day that we celebrated on Tuesday. Next week our class will hold a food drive for the Holy Comforter Food

Pantry. Please prayerfully consider donating any non-perishable foods next week so we can bless the food pantry this holiday season.

Social Studies

This week we continued learning about Jamestown. We read and completed a mini book during our social studies time. We are excited to have Jamestown come and visit us on December 9. They will be talking to us about how Virginia was back then and how it is now (Virginia Then and Now). We have also started learning about how different countries celebrate the winter holidays.

Math

This week we continued to practice addition. We learned how to add doubles, doubles with unknown numbers, doubles plus one, and that we can add in any order. Next week we will continue practicing addition and work on a Christmas math mystery.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *The Great Spruce*. We used this story to help us establish a purpose for reading and develop good habits as readers. One such habit was reading a text more than once. We analyzed a variety of texts through multiple reads in order to find enjoyment in the stories, dig a little deeper, and analyze specific information/find text evidence. Next week we will read the *Polar Express* and continue to practice these skills, as well review past skills, in order to strengthen our overall reading.

Grammar

This week we practiced Verb Tense (Past: -ed, Present: -s, -es, and Future: will + verb). We introduced each of these spelling patterns and completed activities where students needed to identify and use the appropriate tense in their own writing. Next week we will review and practice past skills.

Writing

This week we highlighted verb tenses (past, present, and future) and practiced using words in each of these tenses in our writing. We also recorded evidence and our thoughts on the stories that we read this week. Additionally, we continue to write in our Daily 5 rotations with activities such as journal/story writing and dictation of sentences. Next week we will continue practicing our writing skills through a variety of activities and opportunities

Religion

This week we continued talking about the Advent season and how it is a time of waiting. We also learned about St. Nicholas and how he is the patron Saint of Children. We have also been adding ornaments to our Jesse Tree.

Science

We will be focusing on Social Studies this quarter.

Other Information

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

Specials Schedule

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

Thursday-Mass and 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.

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 morning recess, lunch recess, and snack as much as we can.

Homework (M-Th)

For the week of: 12/12-12/16

Math- No Homework

Reading- read for 15 min./night. Additionally, for each completed book, your child will color in their reading log for the month (e.g., September books = apples). 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- No Homework

Religion- Advent Week 3 "Let's Talk About It"