

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 2/11/2022

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Teacher Emails

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, February 14th**
 - Valentine's Day (Please see Notes from the Classroom Section below)
- **Friday, February 18th**
 - School Closed - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Monday, February 21st**
 - School Closed - Presidents Day
- **Friday, February 25th**
 - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform)
 - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>

Curriculum

Math

This week we worked with standard and non standard measurements, targeting length and weight. We used rulers (inches) to measure and compare the lengths of various objects. We also used balance scales to determine which objects were heavier or lighter. It was a lot of fun making predictions and then conducting our measurements. We also reviewed the concept of estimating and the word about. Next week we will begin studying Time. Our vocabulary for the week will consist of Analog Clock, Digital Clock, Hour Hand, Minute Hand, Second, Minute, Hour, AM, PM, Noon, and Midnight.

Reading and Language Arts

Reading

This week we discussed Point of View as we read "The Big Bed" and "Spoon." Both books included stories being told from characters with unique perspectives. These stories helped students to see how readers can learn new information about what is going on or how someone is feeling based on who is telling the story. Next week we will be reading the biography, "The Radiant Child," about the life of the artist, Jean Michel Basquiat. We will be learning about Biographies as well as practicing with Main Idea and Supporting Details within nonfiction texts.

Grammar

We focused on Articles (a, an, the) this week. We practiced identifying the appropriate article to use in sentences and following the rule where if the article is followed by a noun that begins with a consonant, then it's "a" (a bat). And if the article is followed by a noun that begins with a vowel, then it's "an" (an apple). Next week we will focus on writing dates with correct capitals and commas.

Word Study/Spelling

Our target spelling patterns this week focused on the short u and long u. We learned that the long u actually makes two sounds (cube and few = yoo, blue and chew = moo). We also practiced spelling and writing words with -ue and -ew ending patterns, which are easily confused. Additionally, we continued reviewing previously taught spelling patterns and skills along with syllable types, syllable division, and sentence dictation. Next week students will receive a new word sort (spelling list).

Writing

This week we wrote about point of view, focused on using the appropriate article when constructing sentences, and responded to various writing prompts. There were also several writing opportunities across content areas including sentence dictation, spelling, and written responses in science and math. Writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing continued as well.

Religion

This week we took a break from Noah and completed Catholic Schools Week activities. Next week we will complete a Noah reflection which reflects why Noah was a hero in the Bible and how we can be a hero like Noah, we will sort true/false Noah facts and play a game of Noah BINGO.

Science/ Social Studies

Animal Unit - Over the next few weeks, we will learn about animal habitats, adaptations, classifying animals, and more.

Homework

For the week of: 2/14-2/18

Math - 2nd Quarter Week 6 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. February books = Hearts). 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 Grace Before Meals Prayer

Notes From the Classroom

Valentine's Day Tag Day!

This Valentine's Day, CCS has a generous donor giving 1\$ for each student and staff member that participates in Valentine's Day Tag Day to a local charity of our choice. CCS has chosen Habitat for Humanity which is a nonprofit organization that helps members of our community build or improve the place they call home. We appreciate this amazing gift. To participate, please follow the guidelines below.

JK-5 must be in uniform bottoms and uniform shoes. Middle school students may wear jeans, or uniform bottoms, with uniform shoes.

Participate by wearing Valentine themed:

T-shirts, sweaters, or sweatshirts, Socks, Belts, Earrings, Necklace, Ribbons, Bracelets, Headbands with stabilized decor (no flying objects)

NO:

Hats, Sunglasses, Wigs, Masks, Headbands with flying or springy objects, Anything that flashes

Virtual School Days - Thoughts

If we have additional Virtual School Days, First Grade will continue to use the Google Meet Platform to have our meetings. To help these meetings run smoothly, there are a couple of things that are going to be important for students to keep in mind. We will of course be reiterating these rules/guidelines here at school.

- 1) **Noise** - Please remind your child to remain "muted" until they have been prompted otherwise by their teacher. Students should "raise their hand," just as they would in the classroom, if they would like to share something (red hand icon).
- 2) **Appearance** - Although uniforms will not be required for first graders, it is important that your child presents themselves in a positive manner. Therefore, when they are on camera, they should be ideally sitting at a table/desk or in a chair. They should not be lying in their bed. They should also do their best to avoid anything that may distract the other students on screen (i.e., playing and/or excessive moving around).
- 3) **Typing** - If students need to type or respond to their teacher, they can utilize the chat feature by clicking on the word bubble icon.

As a reminder, we may be doing this again because we have already missed 5 days of school and hope to not add make-up days to the end of our school year. We fully realize that this plan only works if the area does not lose power or internet. If we have virtual school and you cannot access, it will be an excused absence. We will continue to utilize the home materials (Snow Day Packet) as well. First grade will continue to be largely asynchronous, with digital check-ins available throughout the day.

Outside for Snack, Lunch, and Recess

As we head into the very cold months of winter, please know that we will continue to go outside for snack, lunch, and recess. It is very important that the students get fresh air. Students must bring coats, hats, and gloves with them to school. Ladies should not have bare legs when the temperature is below freezing. Please make sure they wear tights or leggings under their jumpers.

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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