

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

- As we head into the very cold months of winter, please know that we will continue to go outside for 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. Bringing a towel to sit on outside when eating is also a good idea.
- Please do **not send any nut products this year**, this includes in lunches. Thank you
- Important upcoming dates:
  - Feb. 14th - St. Valentine's Day
    - We will be doing a small exchange at the end of the day. If students choose to bring in Valentines they must have enough for their whole homeroom. (Jones -17, Kelliher -18). We really encourage non-food goodies, as we do have multiple allergies in the classes. If you have questions please let us know.
  - Feb. 15th - School Wide Spelling Bee - 2pm
  - Feb. 18th - No school - Parent/Teacher Conferences
    - If you feel like you need a conference, please let Mrs. Kelliher know.
  - Feb. 21st - No School - Presidents Day
- Contact us:
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  - Mr. Jones - [k.jones@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.jones@cvillecatholic.org)
  - Mrs. Kelliher - [s.kelliher@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:s.kelliher@cvillecatholic.org)

## English Language Arts

This week in grammar we studied for and tested on pronouns. For reading we worked on our final whole class novel study, Charlotte's Web. We focused on comprehension through our novel study packet and played a game to work on context clues. We are really trying to work on applying our vocabulary. We continued on with our cursive. For writing we started really focusing on poetry.

Next week will be a lot of the same as we continue working through Charlotte's Web, poetry, and cursive. With the Spelling Bee next week, Valentine's Day, and no school on Friday we will not be having spelling next week.

## Religion

This week we started our next unit in Religion - How do we live what we believe? We took all the knowledge we have learned, and saw how to apply it to how we live every day. We looked at prayer this week with a focus on praying the Psalms.

Next week, we will be continuing on this unit, focusing on why we pray.

## Math

We are doing great with our multiplication facts! This week we had our 5-8 multiplication facts quiz and next Wednesday will be our 9-12 multiplication facts quiz. We continue to explore real world problems and word problems involving multiplication. This week we added tree diagrams and combination graphs to our set of multiplication skills.

Next week we will begin exploring the skills needed for division. This will be a new skill for which we will go over many methods just like multiplication. It may take a few days for the ideas to come together so if your student seems a little confused at first be sure to keep their confidence high and remind them how well they have done with multiplication. I will work on making division as fun as possible and maybe even bring in my banjo to sing a divide by 2 song.

- Please have students use these sites for review when possible..
- Websites: Addition and Subtraction fluency practice- go to [www.mathtrainer.com](http://www.mathtrainer.com), or <https://tangmath.com/numskill> \*Work on Subtraction and Addition\*
- Math Concepts and Skills Review and Practice- go to [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com)
- Use <https://www.splashlearn.com/> to explore repeated addition to help prep students for multiplication. Login directions below:
- 1. Visit [splashlearn.com/student](https://www.splashlearn.com/student) or Download SplashLearn iPad app and login as student
- 2. Enter class code: JEDSLB
- 3. Select Student Name
- 4. Enter Student Password : globe7

**QUIZ: multiplication facts 9-12 Wednesday Feb. 16th**

## Science

This week we conclude our unit with a test on the interactions between animals and their environment. We have talked about invasive species that affect VA ecosystems and how even tiny creatures can disrupt entire food webs. We also have explored how food chains, energy pyramids, and food webs are related. Next week we will begin our unit on the different kinds of

rocks and minerals.

Test "Living Things Depend on One Another" Feb. 11th

Social Studies

We have finished our unit on Ancient Egypt and will have our assessment next week on Thursday Feb. 17th. We have reviewed a cause and effect study guide, which the students will take home in the Friday folder to prepare for the test. We are now reading about Ancient China and how its civilization was similar and different from the ancient Egyptians.

TEST Feb 17th, Ancient Egypt