



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

February 16, 2024

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We had a wonderful week in 4th grade and hope you did as well! This was a jam packed week and our 4th graders rose to the challenge! As always, please reach out if there is anything you would like to discuss with us. Thank you for all your support and we hope you have a wonderful weekend.

All the best,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- On Friday, February 16, school will be closed for parent/teacher conferences. This conference day is not meant to be conferences for every child. Teachers will be reaching out to you directly if they would like to hold a conference. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress, please feel free to reach out to them. Monday, February 19, school will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.
- **FIRST WEEK OF LENT—A SEASON FOR REFLECTION**
CRS Rice Bowls were distributed this week, the charitable Lenten program from Catholic Relief Services. Your alms given to this cause will help support the work of CRS in over 100 countries. Twenty-five percent of the donations collected via the Rice Bowls stay in our local Richmond Diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. The other seventy-five percent will assist in CRS causes worldwide. Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent.
During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how

the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit [crsricebowl.org](https://www.crsricebowl.org) to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

- All adults who will be working with/supervising students (including chaperoning on field trips) need to be VIRTUS-trained. We will be holding another VIRTUS session on Saturday, February 24 from 9:00-12:00 at CCS. Please use the following link to sign up for this session:
https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

Important Dates

- Friday, February 16, 2024- School Closed/Parent Teacher Conferences/3rd Quarter Interim
- Monday, February 19, 2024- School Closed (Presidents Day)

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Social Studies

This week in SS, we finished our unit on the American Revolution! Students were able to participate in a project in which they wrote a letter to King George III addressing the Intolerable Acts. They also had to decide between being a Patriot or Loyalist. This was a very engaging activity in which students researched and wrote compelling letters!

Next week, we will begin to look at life in Virginia post American Revolution.

Science

This week in Science the students enjoyed our continued learning about ecosystems. We began Chapter 6- "Energy Transfer in Ecosystems". We were engaged in an introduction to food chains, food webs, energy pyramids, and the interconnected relationship of producers and different kinds of consumers. Next week we will continue studying various roles of living things in their environment, and how they get their energy.

The Chapter 6 Test is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th.

Math

This week in Math we've been focused on mixed number and improper fraction representations and operations. We learned how to convert them, add and subtract them, and next week will focus on word problems involving these operations.

Our Unit 10 Test is scheduled for Friday, February 23rd.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued our unit in which they are learning how to write their own realistic fiction stories! This week, students learned how to write powerful endings to their stories. I am so proud of the amazing effort that is being put into this work. We also watched the *Because of Winn Dixie* movie.. One final piece of work we did this week was to continue Book Clubs. This is a great opportunity for students to push their reading skills and continue to excel.

Next week, we will dive back into poetry and learn about the Harlem Renaissance and African American inspired poetry.

Theology

This week in Theology we've been focused on our Eucharistic miracle project. The kids have been working very hard and did some amazing work. We look forward to beginning Unit 3 Lesson 12 next week. We will dive into understanding the beatitudes, and reflect on the path of our Lenten journeys. Great job to our wonderful Mass helpers this week!

Our Unit 3 Lesson 12 quiz is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th.

Memorize scenes 10-11 for our next Passion Play rehearsal on Friday, February 23.