

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 3rd Grade

### 02/23/24

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **SECOND WEEK OF LENT ~ CRS Rice Bowl Story of Hope - OVERCOMING HUNGER**  
In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](https://crsricebowl.org) (Story of Hope).
- Please join us on **Thursday, March 7 at 5:30PM** in the gym for our “Light My Path” Capital Campaign kickoff event! Wine and light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be provided for school-aged children (***please note that because middle school children will be staffing childcare, we are unable to accept children under 4 years of age***). RSVPs are required for this event. If you plan on attending, please click the link. [RSVP to Capital Campaign Kickoff](#)
- **PLEASE NOTE** : **Our field trip to Montcello is scheduled for March 15th, 2024.**  
Chaperones /Drivers must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link: [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?the](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the)
- **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Music - Kate Wisbey** [k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org)  
From **January through May**, 3rd Grade through middle school students start learning different instruments in music. I have created a google drive folder with all the books used to learn the instruments from ukulele, recorder to melodica and piano, so students can practice at home. Please take a look at it when you get a chance and if you have an instrument at home, it is a great way to practice! Enjoy!  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1q4h4yV55Mk\\_vF4sj9St6FBbUeOmNqeh6?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1q4h4yV55Mk_vF4sj9St6FBbUeOmNqeh6?usp=drive_link)
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX\\_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing)

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# Social Studies

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**This week** students will complete their poster and present it to the class on Thursday and Monday.

**Next week** students will begin the unit on ancient civilizations. They will be introduced to Ancient Egypt and learn about the contributions to our present day. Students will explore geography, architecture, inventions, and written language.

# Math

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**This week** students will learn the properties of multiplication, and use problem solving techniques by reading charts and tables to make different combinations.

**Next week** students will be introduced to the relationship between multiplication and division. They will learn the meaning and vocabulary associated with the process of division. Students will use strategies such as drawing models, using numbers lines, and repeated subtraction to solve problems.

- MATH WEBSITES:  
[www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com) - use student username and password to access Study Island.  
[www.mathsisfun.com](http://www.mathsisfun.com) - for increasing addition/subtraction fluency and accuracy.

# Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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## **This Week:**

"Where Y' At? Trombone Shorty taught us some valuable lessons about working hard and pursuing your dreams. We also learned the difference between an autobiography and biography, and we're transported to the vibrant city of New Orleans. There, we were treated to the many sights and sounds (and delicious food) that are attached to big celebrations like Mardi Gras and other festivals, as well as everyday life in the neighborhood of Treme and the music that inspires so many.

## **Next Week:**

-Grammar:

-*Workbook - Review of Compound Sentences, Coordinating Conjunctions*

-*Mentor Sentence (Focus: Compound Sentences, Alliteration, Metaphor) - Quiz - Fri 3/31*

[\*Sojourner Truth's Step - Stomp Stride\*](#)

*Sojourner put one big-black-beautiful foot in front of the other, and she STOMPED on the floorboards of ignorance that were underneath.*

-Old: Word Study (Spelling): No Words - *No Quiz - Wed 2/28*

-New: Word Study (Spelling): R-Controlled Vowels (er, ir, ur) - Assigned on Wed 2/28

-Featured Story: *When Marian Sang* - (Focus: Narrative NF, Inference/Conclusions) - *Quiz - Fri 3/1*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X07QSbxzth0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSvrUEfLqDg> (includes Marian Anderson recording)

Learning Ally [The featured story for the week is available here and can be accessed at home](#) -portal.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud/Audiobook options, similar to Epic, but can be accessed at home at no additional cost to you.  
Username - For example - t.little@cvillecatholic.org or ti.little@cvillecatholic.org (Student email)  
Password - For example - catholic1234 (catholic + last 4 of Student ID)

## Theology

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### **This Week:**

3rd Grade did an amazing job leading Mass this week. Shout out to those students who had an official part - You all did a wonderful job! But there were also several others that participated during rehearsals as alternates. These students, in a supportive role, played a very important part as well.

### **Next Week:**

We will continue focusing our attention on Lent, thus, preparing for the great sacrifice that Jesus will make for us, growing closer to God, and asking him for forgiveness. Over the next several weeks, we will be completing activities that draw upon the Lenten disciplines of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting/abstinence.

## Science

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**This week** students will complete their Google Slides Project and will present on Thursday and Friday.

### **Matter Experiments- donations needed for our experiments:**

- **Two 16 oz boxes of cornstarch**
- **Green food coloring- two 16oz bottles**
- **Forty-six small paper cups**
- **Raisins- 2 containers (13oz)**
- **Sprite- 6-8 liter bottles**
- **Alka Seltzer- box of 72 count**

**Thank You!**

**Next week** students will begin their Matter Unit beginning with solids, liquids and gasses. They will identify the properties of matter and use descriptive words to explain the attributes of each phase.