



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- **School Mass**
Starting **February 7**, Mass will be held on **Tuesdays**.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences**
Friday, **February 17**, school is 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 20, school will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.
- **Exciting Musical Opportunity:** We are excited to start an elementary after-school chorus for 10 weeks from February 6th to April 10th on Mondays after school from 3:30-4:45 pm. Parents will pick up their child at the front of our school. Students will be learning a variety of styles from jazz to popular music, such as Beatles, and more! If students would like, there is a performance opportunity to perform a couple of our songs at the spring open house art show. Please e-mail Ms. Wisbey at k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org if you are interested and would like to sign up!
- **Battle of the Books**
Does your child love to read and compete? St. Edward-Epiphany will be hosting a Battle of the Books this spring. They are hoping to have it on Friday, **April 28**. We are hoping to have a team for grades 3-5 and a team for grades 6-8. Each team will consist of four to six students. Students would take responsibility for reading books from a list and then compete in a Family Feud-style competition with students from other schools. If your child would like to compete, please email Mrs. DeVane at l.devane@cvillecatholic.org. She'll organize which books each student will read and coordinate the competition day. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w4RPPIGw43FwSup6iba73icmcCTFHMhU/view?usp=share_link
- **Field Trip**
Third Grade Field Trip: Monticello- **May 17th**. More details to follow next month.
 - We will need seven drivers, so we have three students in each car.
- **Uniforms**

Please make sure that uniforms fit properly and guidelines regarding hair, makeup, and jewelry are being followed. It is also imperative that your child comes to school in proper outerwear for recess, or they may need to stay inside. If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students need a coat, and it is encouraged that their heads are covered.

- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2022-2023**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HjgF59yh1nnTDitj7-o9xBbmia9KWB3S/view?usp=sharing>

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Science

This week students will learn the process of photosynthesis and they will also learn the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. In their Friday folders students will bring home another vocabulary foldable to be used as a study guide for their chapter test on plants.

- **Homework:** Students need to study both vocabulary foldables on plants.

Next week Students will be introduced to vertebrates and invertebrates and what they need from their ecosystems to survive.

Social Studies

This week students will learn about ancient civilizations, beginning with Egypt. They will learn about the contributions ancient people made and the effect they have on our present world.

Next week students will learn terms to know; ancient, architecture, and inventions along with Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Math

This week students will learn strategies for subtracting three digit numbers and four digit numbers with regrouping, estimating to the nearest ten and hundred, and problem solving strategies.

Next week students will continue to work on subtracting four digit numbers with regrouping, estimation, and use inverse operation to check for mistakes.. We will be working on our problem solving four step method when working solving a word problem.

Websites:

- **Username and passwords are located in students' agenda for Study Island.**
- **StudyIsland.com**
- **Math Trainer- addition, subtraction Fluency Practice : no username or password is**

required.

Language Arts/Writing

This Week:

This week we reviewed the following Grammar, Word Study, and Affix Skills:

- Daily Grammar Review: Comparative and Superlative Adjectives (warmer and warmest)
- Word Study: Diphthong oi and ou Vowel Team Syllables (Also known as gliding vowels where a vowel team has two separate vowel sound parts within one syllable/vowel sound)
- Suffixes: Introduced - sub, ness; Reviewed - y, mis, able/ible, ion, er, est, ly, ing, e/es, ed, un, re
- Writing - Letter Writing (Formatting parts of a letter)

Next Week:

***CCS Spelling Bee (3rd-8th Grade - Top 2 from each homeroom) - Fri, 2/10 from 2-3 pm**

- Daily Grammar Review: Commas in Dates and Addresses (Voyages, 111, 115) - **Quiz on Thurs**
- Word Study: Complex Vowel aw & Vowel Team Syllables (water, author, lawyer) - **Quiz on Fri**
- Suffixes: Review - sub, ness, y, mis, able/ible, ion, er, est, ly, ing, e/es, ed, un, re
- Writing - Letter Writing Continued

Homework:

- Word Study (M-Th) - 10 min. Students do not need to turn anything in.

Reading

This Week:

- Featured Story: *My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother & Rotten Richie and the Ultimate Dare* - Fiction
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogoEpgfdVaw>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYQJhV0hwBE>
- Focus Skills: Compare and Contrast two texts by same author
- We continued using CLOSE reading strategies such as annotating text, Paragraph chunking, Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then, and Graphic Organizers to support the comprehension of various texts (fiction and nonfiction).

Next Week: Reading Quiz on Fri

- Featured Story: *When Marian Sang* - Narrative Nonfiction/Biography
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSvrUEfLqDg>
- Focus Skills: Inferences and Conclusions
- We will also read and discuss several other related texts, applying Close Reading strategies to help breakdown and aid in comprehension.

Learning Ally The featured story for the week is available here and can be accessed at home

-read.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud Book 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)

Not Homework but Recommended:

Nightly Reading (M-Th) - Approximately 20 min. Students should indicate the number of minutes read each night/week in their planner.

Religion

This Week: We had a lot of fun and were very busy during Catholic Schools Week. Letter writing, guest speakers, special snacks, fun dress days, a Living Rosary, a Catholic Bee, and a Friday Faith Rally were just some of the highlights.

Next Week: We will begin working through Chapter 7 (How do we praise and thank God?) in our Christ In Us workbook and reviewing the parts of the Mass again in preparation for 3rd Grade's leading of Mass on **Tuesday, February 7 (Mr. Little's Homeroom)**.