

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 2/4/2022

Teacher's Message/Announcements

We had fun celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Lots of Spirit!

Teacher Emails

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, February 7th**
 - Blue & Gold Day
- **Friday, February 11th**
 - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform)
 - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
- **Friday, February 18th**
 - School Closed - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **Monday, February 21st**
 - School Closed - Presidents Day

Curriculum

Math

This week we continued working with nonstandard measurements, focusing on length and estimating (using the word about) as well as comparing and ordering. Next week, we will continue with measuring but move into standard measurements. We will primarily be using rulers (inches) to measure and compare objects' heights and lengths.

Reading and Language Arts

Reading

This week we discussed Author's Purpose and reviewed more Nonfiction Texts (autobiographies, astronauts, and outer space), including "The Darkest Dark," by Chris Hadfield, a retired astronaut. We spent time making connections with this book to our own lives. We also practiced comprehension strategies by taking notes (writing and pictures) and highlighting important parts from our readings and other videos. Next week we will read the story "The Big Bed" by Bunmi Laditan. We will talk about point of view.

Grammar

We focused on Verbs and the suffix: ing this week. There were 2 rules that we practiced when determining spelling of words and how to add ing. Words that end in a vowel-consonant will

require doubling the final consonant before adding ing (clap = clapping). Words that end in e and follow the magic e syllable type will need to drop the e before adding ing (take = taking). Additionally, we continued to review previously taught skills (i.e., capitalization, punctuation, verb tenses, synonyms, and other conventions in our writing). Next week we will talk about articles.

Word Study/Spelling

Our target spelling patterns this week focused on the long o, specifically o_e, oa, ow, and oe words. We practiced sorting our words, compared Short o and Long o sounds, reviewed open and closed syllables, Magic/Silent e syllables (Words following a CVGe spelling pattern like froze) and Vowel Team Syllables (Words following a CVVC spelling pattern like loaf or a CVV spelling pattern like show and toe). We also continued reviewing previously taught spelling patterns and skills. Next week students will receive a new word sort (spelling list).

Writing

This week we continued to write within our Nonfiction readings. 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

This week we started our study of animals. The next few weeks will allow us time to learn about animal habitats, adaptations, classifying animals, and more.

Homework

For the week of: 2/7-2/11

Math - 2nd Quarter Week 5 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 Our Father Prayer

Notes From the Classroom

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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