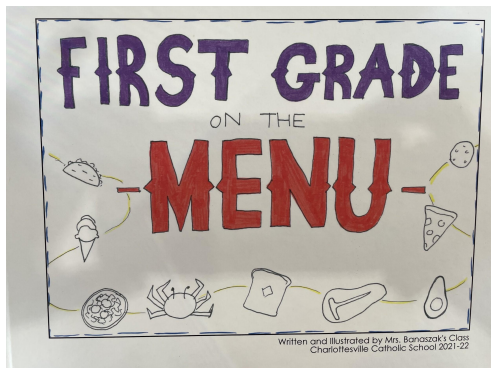




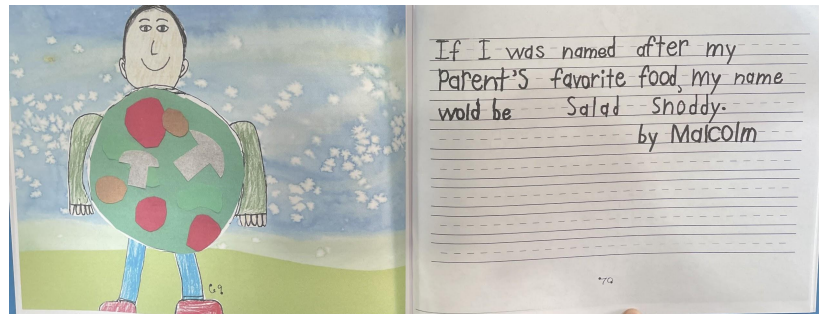
Charlottesville Catholic School Specialist Newsletter

Library - Mrs. Banaszak m.banaszak@cvillecatholic.org

JK through 1st graders are learning about different author's this month. We are beginning to marvel at the dual talents of author illustrators like Jan Brett, Mo Willems and Norman Birdwell.



Your first graders are published author/ illustrators! Our books are finally in and will be sent home Friday, Jan. 28. A copy is available for the children to check out as well!



The second graders are currently focussed on biographies, supporting work that they are doing with Mrs. Robinson. We are also beginning a new read aloud, Who Was Stevie Wonder. Get ready to see a slew of "Who Was/ Is and What Was" books in your child's backpack! I also celebrated "Crayola Creativity Week" with the JK-1st grades and we were inspired by kid artists to create "scribble animals" and explore lines/ shapes to produce personalized bookmarks for our library treasures!

Third grade began a new read aloud this week from Kate McMullen's Myth-o-Mania series, Have a Hot Time Hades.

The 4-5th grades are finishing up Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and we will cap off that classic read with a movie day and compare/ contrast the 1971 version with the novel.

Fifth graders are also working on a joint Library/ Language Arts project which will count as one of their 3rd quarter IRA's.



Students will pick and read a CCS library book of their choice and create a digital booktalk to present during their library class using "Toontastic" or another approved video making app. The creation of their booktalk video will take place during library class. I can't wait to see what your author/ director/ producer will create!

<https://toontastic.withgoogle.com/>

PE - Mr. Frazier a.frazier@cvillecatholic.org

Welcome back to all! It has been a pleasure kicking off the new semester back in school from a long extended break. Here is what we have been up to:

K-2: We have been focused on gross motor skills and applying them to fitness games and utilizing different stations to practice specific gross motor movements.

3-5: This group has been working hard to improve their fitness skills. Many of these students have never performed some of the Fitness Test movements and are being introduced to new types of ways to improve their bodys strength and endurance. In Physical Education, we call this Fitness Testing. I am super excited and proud of the effort this group has put forward.

MS: Our older students have started a new cooperative team unit - Floor Hockey, a simulation of Ice hockey. We are focusing on simple game skills and will finish with an understanding of how to compete and play a Hockey game as a team.

Art - Mrs. Devlin v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org IG [@ccsarchangelsarts](#)

With the start of a new semester, a new calendar year, and a new liturgical year, we all tend to take stock and reflect on what we would like to see come to fruition in this fresh beginning. In general, I have been very pleased with the atmosphere and creative endeavors that my classroom has provided space for. With the focus on student participation in the creative process I have seen more student engagement than ever before. Choice helps students make meaningful connections. I plan on taking a student survey next month to provide an opportunity for students to give me feedback on what they find working and what they need more of from me.

Here are a few works, from a variety of ages, that have been recently completed in the studio. For more weekly updates, follow the art room on Instagram [@ccsarchangelsarts](#)



Music - Ms. Howard s.howard@cvillecatholic.org

Hello, everyone!

It has been such a great month of music learning! Students have started to explore melody and pitch in many ways as well as review and incorporate rhythm exercises.

In our lower grades, we have talked about everything from silly donkeys and other animals that make sounds to creating a snow rhythm exercise with drums and other percussion instruments.

Third through fifth grade has been starting to learn the notes on the treble clef and practicing identifying notes. We have started creating our own melodies, and will be playing mallet instruments in preparation for our upcoming ukulele unit.

I think it has been a great start to the new year, and I know that we will continue to learn so many musical things this next semester.

Spanish - Mrs. Osteen j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

Welcome back everyone! I hope everyone had a restful winter break and have been staying warm during this snowy time.

The first week back at school we spent some time reviewing everything that we learned in the first semester. (Names, greetings, emotions, days of the week, months of the year, weather, seasons, colors, numbers, actions and other basic questions). All students did so well during our review and I was so impressed with how much they remembered!

The next few weeks the lower elementary grades are focusing on the spanish alphabet and how each letter sounds in Spanish. Additionally, we will work on answering more complex questions and talking about ourselves. In upper elementary grades, the students will be learning about the members of the family and learning how to talk about how other people look and what they are like.