

# Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

First Grade 2.7.25

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## **Calendar/Important Dates:**

- Monday, February 10 No School, Parent/Teacher Conferences upon request
- Friday, February 14 11:30am dismissal, 3rd guarter interim
- Friday, February 14 St. Valentine's Day valentine exchange, first grade
- Monday, February 17 No School, Presidents Day
- Tuesday, March 4 No Mass
- Wednesday, March 5 Mass, students wear formal dress, Ash Wednesday
- Friday, March 7 Blue & Gold Day
- Friday, March 14 11:30am dismissal, end of 3rd quarter
- Monday, March 17 No School, Teacher Work Day
- Friday, March 21 3rd Quarter Report Cards

## **School Announcements:**

Friday, February 14 will be Valentine's Day TAG Day. We will also wear red that day to celebrate Heart Health Month and Wear Red Day.

#### **Important:**

- Students may wear a red shirt/sweatshirt for Wear Red Day; however, they MUST be in their uniform bottom (pants, skirts, or jumpers) and uniform shoes. Legging may ONLY be worn under a jumper (not alone).
- TAG Day items:
  - Allowed-socks, belts, earrings, necklaces, ribbons, bracelets, headbands with stabilized decor
  - Not allowed-hats, sunglasses, wigs, t-shirts, headbands with flying objects, anything flashing

Faith in Action will be collecting items for the SPCA next week. Please send in dog and cat items such as food, treats, puppy pads, etc.

CCS will be holding two Virtus training sessions (Saturday, February 8 and Saturday, March 22) from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. If you plan to chaperone any spring field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained, so please consider signing up for one of these two sessions. You may register at this link: <a href="https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\_list2.cfm?theme=0">https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\_list2.cfm?theme=0</a>

Winter 2025 Archangel Clubs

### **Teacher Announcements:**

St. Valentine's Day is around the corner and we will be exchanging valentines to celebrate this feast day on February 14th! Non-edible valentines are encouraged. **Because of the sheer volume of treat items that will likely come in for Valentine's Day and likely not in their original packaging, the school nurse will NOT be checking each item. For that reason we will be sending everything home for parents to approve.** 

While bringing valentines is optional, if you do choose to send in valentines, please be sure to bring one for each student in the class. There are 19 students in Mrs. Mauney's class and 20 students in Mrs. Milnor's class. Students brought home a list of student names in their red folders in their binders last Friday. If you need an additional copy of this list, please let us know.

# Social Studies

This week we started learning about map skills. We learned about where we can find maps and what we use them for. We talked about how maps use symbols to represent landmarks on the maps and how we can find those in our map key. Next week we will continue to learn about map skills.

# Math

This week we continued our unit on place value. We subtracted multiples of 10 from 2- digit numbers, worked on solving word problems with multiples of 10, practiced skip counting by 2's and 5's, determined digit value to 120, and represented numbers in different ways. Next week we will order numbers to 120, compare numbers to 120, review our unit, and take an end of the unit assessment.

# Language Arts/Reading/Writing

### Reading

This week we read *Chameleons are Cool*. We used this nonfiction book to help us discuss Main Idea and Supporting Details. Prior to our Virtual Learning Day and recent snow, we had planned to also discuss Nonfiction Text Features such as Captions, Index, Labels, Headings, Electronic Menu, and Table of Contents. Next week we will read the story "The Big Bed" by Bunmi Laditan. We will talk about point of view.

#### Grammar

Rather than introduce a new grammar skill next week, we will instead focus on Nonfiction Text Features and review previously taught skills (i.e., capitalization, punctuation, verb tenses, synonyms, and other conventions in our writing). Next week we will talk about articles.

#### Writing

This week our writing centered around Main Idea and Supporting Details. We practiced identifying the main idea from various texts and then compared that to supporting types of sentences. We also wrote descriptive sentences about what we learned from the nonfiction texts and topics (chameleons). Writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing and dictation of sentences continued as well.

# Theology

This week we learned how the 10 Commandments are God's rules from the Old Testament and how these rules were made to help His people live happy lives. Next week we will talk about how Jesus talks about God's rules in the New Testament when He gave us the greatest and second greatest commandments. We will, also, prepare for the feast of St. Valentine on Friday by reading the story of St. Valentine!

### Science

We focused on Social Studies this week.

# Other Information

#### Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Our first grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

#### **Specials Schedule**

Monday - Library & Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art Friday - Music

#### **Dress Uniform**

<u>Boys</u> - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks NO white.

<u>Girls</u>- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

## Homework (M-TH)

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!