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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **February 13** - Valentine exchange, homerooms only
- **February 13** - Mexican Fiesta, 5-7pm
- **February 14** - Ash Wednesday Mass
- **February 16** - No School, Teacher Work Day
- **February 19** - No School, Presidents Day

Announcements:

The Mexican Fiesta will be held **NEXT TUESDAY**, February 13th from 5-7pm. **Tickets are required** so please reserve yours now. Purchase Meal Tickets [HERE](#)

On Friday, February 16, school will be 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 19, school will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.

All adults who will be working with/supervising students (including chaperoning on field trips) need to be VIRTUS-trained. We will be holding another VIRTUS session on Saturday, February 24 from 9:00-12:00 at CCS. Please use the following link to sign up for this session:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

This spring at Charlottesville Catholic School we will be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Below you will find some information on the offerings. Each CCS staff-led club will cost \$175.00 per student. The cost will go towards supplies and compensation for teachers. Please read

about the clubs below and contact the instructor directly if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the clubs will be billed through FACTS.

[Spring 2024 Archangel Clubs](#)

Please know that we will be going outside even in the very cold winter months. Our girls can wear navy tights or capris to keep them warm outside. Of course, pants and polos are also a good option. Bare skin on frigid days is a concern. Please help us by helping your child on days they wear a jumper. Thank you!

Even though the weather is colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:

- Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
- If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
- If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
- **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

Social Studies

This week we started our study of Black History Month. We will learn about some famous African Americans in history and at the end will conduct research on one and complete a project.

Math

This week we began a unit on geometry and fractions. We learned how shapes have attributes and how the defining attributes of 2D shapes are their number of sides and vertices. Next week, we will continue learning about shapes and explore the defining attributes of 3D shapes.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we discussed Point of View as we read "The Big Bed" and "Spoon." Both books included stories being told from characters with unique perspectives. These stories helped students to see how readers can learn new information about what is going on or how someone is feeling based on who is telling the story. Next week we will be reading the story, "The Koala Who Could". We will be learning about having a growth mindset and the central message or the lesson in a story.

Grammar

We focused on Articles (a, an, the) this week. We practiced identifying the appropriate article to use in sentences and following the rule where if the article is followed by a noun that begins with a consonant, then it's "a" (a bat). And if the article is followed by a noun that begins with a vowel, then it's "an" (an apple). Next week we will focus on adding the suffix -ed.

Writing

This week we wrote about point of view, focused on using the appropriate article when constructing sentences, and responded to various writing prompts. 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.

Theology

In Theology, students learned about our February virtue of the month, Creators, and how creators create innovative solutions that benefit everyone. We also, learned about the life of St. Valentine and spent some time writing kind notes to our classmates and teachers at CCS. We, also, began learning about the upcoming season of Lent and how prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are a key part of the season to prepare our hearts for the Resurrection on Easter. Included in your student's take home binder this week, you will find a Lent countdown calendar that your student can color as we move through the 40 days of Lent.

Science

This week we focused on social studies.

Other Information

Colder Weather is here!

Please make sure that your child brings something warm and long sleeve to school each day (e.g., jacket, sweatshirt, sweater). We will continue to go outside, weather permitting, for recess, lunch, and snack as much as we can.

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 (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)

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 - Art and Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Library Friday - Music

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.

Homework (M-TH)

Math- Math Spiral Review #19

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night.
FOR FUN! Reading February Challenge :) See how many you can complete.

ELA- ELA Spiral Review #19

Religion- Practice Our Father Prayer