

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### 3rd Grade

### 03/01/24

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **THIRD WEEK OF LENT ~ CRS Rice Bowl Story of Hope**  
RAISING CHICKENS TO SUPPORT HER FAMILY  
Nowadays, in Morazán, El Salvador, it is very difficult to know when the rainy or dry seasons will be. The unpredictable weather puts the livelihood of Sandra's family in jeopardy. Despite the challenges, Sandra and her husband, Santos, remain dedicated to ensuring their children grow healthy and succeed in school. Learn how their strong family dynamic enabled Sandra to participate in a Catholic Relief Services' project on raising chickens and how her determination has helped her family and community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope
- Please join us on **Thursday, March 7 at 5:30PM** in the gym for our "Light My Path" Capital Campaign kickoff event! Wine and light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be provided for school-aged children (***please note that because middle school children will be staffing childcare, we are unable to accept children under 4 years of age***). RSVPs are required for this event. If you plan on attending, please click the link. [RSVP to Capital Campaign Kickoff](#)
- Serve & Pray: Join Us for Holy Comforter's Lenten Soup Supper!  
Calling all CCS families! **March 22nd**, we are sponsoring Holy Comforter's Soup Supper following their 5:45pm Stations of the Cross. Lend a hand in making the evening a success! We invite you to volunteer and donate items as an act of almsgiving during this Lenten season. Sign-up using the [LINK](#) to participate! If you have any questions, please contact Megan Pearring at [m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org).
- **PLEASE NOTE :** Our field trip to Montcello is scheduled for **March 15th, 2024**. Thank you to all my parents who volunteered to drive and chaperone. All Chaperones /Drivers have been notified. All students will need to bring a packed lunch and drink on March 15th.
  - Other Guidelines:
    - Bags and Backpacks. None exceeding 12 x 6 x 12 inches are allowed beyond the Shuttle Station. New security bag check stations are a good reason to ensure all prohibited items are left at home or on the bus. View a full list of our [Do's and Don'ts](#) before your visit to avoid delays at bag check stations.
    - In the House. Eating, drinking, chewing gum and using tobacco products are prohibited. Still photography, filming, and video recording for anything other

than personal use are prohibited. Guests are urged not to touch or lean on walls or furnishings.

- Photography: Still photography, filming and video recording for personal use are permitted.

- SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Music - **Kate Wisbey** [k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org)  
From **January through May**, 3rd Grade through middle school students start learning different instruments in music. I have created a google drive folder with all the books used to learn the instruments from ukulele, recorder to melodica and piano, so students can practice at home. Please take a look at it when you get a chance and if you have an instrument at home, it is a great way to practice! Enjoy!  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1q4h4yV55Mk\\_vF4sj9St6FBbUeQmNqeh6?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1q4h4yV55Mk_vF4sj9St6FBbUeQmNqeh6?usp=drive_link)
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX\\_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing)

### Teacher email addresses

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## Social Studies

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**This week** students will begin the unit on ancient civilizations. They will be introduced to Ancient Egypt and learn about the contributions to our present day. Students will explore geography, architecture, inventions, and written language.

**Next week** students will learn how the geography of Ancient Egypt had a big impact on its peoples lives and how Egypt has changed in size over time.

## Math

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**This week** students will be introduced to the relationship between multiplication and division. They will learn the meaning and vocabulary associated with the process of division.

**Next week** students will use strategies such as drawing models, using numbers lines, and repeated subtraction to solve division problems. They will also learn about inverse operations and fact families for multiplication and division.

- MATH WEBSITES:  
[www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com) - use student username and password to access Study Island.  
[www.mathsisfun.com](http://www.mathsisfun.com)- for increasing addition/subtraction fluency and accuracy.

# Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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## **This Week:**

We continued our exploration into Black History Month by featuring prominent and influential african americans in this country into our readings, discussions, and activities. This week, our read aloud highlighted the life of Marian Anderson, one of our country's most important singers and role models. Additionally, we learned how our mentor sentence (book - Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride), which used lyrical and spiritual text, was an effective piece of writing that displayed how bold and beautiful she was.

## **Next Week:**

-Grammar:

-*Workbook - Section 6-Adverbs and Conjunctions (Next 2 weeks), Sentence Types*

-*Mentor Sentence (Focus: Sentence Structure, Adverbs) - Quiz - Tues 3/12*

*Henry's Freedom Box <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69sKKRw4nvk>*

*When he wiped away his tears, Nancy, too, was gone.*

-Old: Word Study (Spelling): R-Controlled Vowels (er, ir, ur) - Quiz - Wed 3/6

-New: Word Study (Spelling): R-Controlled Vowels (Review) - Assigned on Wed 3/6

-Featured Story: *Stone Fox* - (Whole Group Novel Study) - Test - Fri 3/22

*Students will complete all readings and work in the classroom*

Learning Ally *The Novel (Stone Fox)* is available here and can be accessed at home to support your child's needs (e.g., catch up because of an absence/missed time). However, your child should not read ahead. Please reach out if there are any questions about reading expectations.

-portal.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud/Audiobook 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)

# Theology

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## **This Week:**

We continued focusing our attention on Lent, thus, preparing for the great sacrifice that Jesus will make for us, growing closer to God, and asking him for forgiveness. We completed activities that draw upon the Lenten disciplines of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting/abstinence.

## **Next Week:**

We will be working through our Theology of the Body curriculum (Lesson 3 - Sin Distorts the Gift). Students will learn that sin is a failure to love, will recognize that sin distorts our ability to recognize the gifts of God, and will identify ways to reconcile relationships between people and God. We will also be working in our Christ In Us workbook (Lesson 9 - How do we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing?) - Quiz - Fri 3/8

# Science

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**This week** students completed their Google Slides Project on the Solar System and presented it to the class.

**Next week** students will begin their Matter Unit beginning with solids, liquids and gasses. They will identify the properties of matter and use descriptive words to explain the attributes of each phase.

**Matter Experiments- donations needed for our experiments:**

- **Two 16 oz boxes of cornstarch**
- **Green food coloring- two 16oz bottles**
- **Forty-six small paper cups, and Sprite- 6 liter bottles**
- **Raisins - 2 containers (13oz) ,and an Alka Seltzer-box of 72 count Thank You!**