



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3-24-2023

3rd Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- **Fifth Week of Lent (3/20 - 3/24) - The Power of Sacrifice**
Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.
- **March 24 - School Closed** (End of Q3)
- **March 27 - No school** (Teacher Work Day)
- **Field Trip**
Third Grade Field Trip: Monticello - **May 17**. We will be leaving CCS at 8:20 am and returning at 2:45pm
- **Virtus Training (Volunteers)**
Just a reminder - If you are planning on driving and/or would like to volunteer for any school and student activities, you must receive prior training. You may register at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2022-2023**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HjgF59yh1nnTDitj7-o9xBbmia9KWB3S/view?usp=sharing>

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Science

This week students will present their vertebrate and invertebrate project, and will be introduced to earth's place in the solar system. They will be introduced to the seasons, and how the moon interacts with the earth.

Next week students will continue to learn about what causes the seasons, and how the moon interacts with the earth.

Social Studies

This week students are learning about the Great Wall and will be introduced to the The Huang He River.

Next week students will locate Ancient China on a map and learn about its contributions, such as written language and inventions.

Math

This week students learned multiplication by using arrays, repeated addition, and the commutative property of multiplication. They will review repeated subtraction and be introduced to division.

Next week we will continue to learn strategies and vocabulary for multiplication and division. They will work on a problem solving investigation activity by using a table to organize the information in a word problem involving multiplication.

Websites:

- **Username and passwords are located in students' agenda for Study Island.**
- **StudyIsland.com; they can practice multiplication and division**
- **Math Trainer- addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division Fluency Practice : no username or password is required.**

Language Arts/Writing

This Week:

- Daily Grammar Review: Reviewed past skills
- Word Study: **Irregular Plurals (cacti, deer, leaves, cities)**
- Suffixes: Intro - **less**, Review - ive, ful, ment, sub, ness, y, mis, able/ible, ion, er, est, ly
- Prefixes: Intro - **fore**, Review - inter, un, re, pre, dis, mis
- Writing - Opinion Writing (OREO Strategy - Opinion, Reason, Explain, Opinion)

Homework:

- Word Study (M-Th) - 10 min. Students do not need to turn anything in.

Next Week:

- Daily Grammar Review: Review past Skills - **No Quiz this Week**
- Word Study: **Prefixes (dis-, un-, pre-, re-)** - **Quiz on Th 3/31**
- Suffixes: Intro - **ous, us**, Review - less, ive, ful, ment, sub, ness, y, mis, able/ible, ion, er, est, ly
- Prefixes: Intro - **de**, Review - fore, inter, un, re, pre, dis, mis
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Reading

This Week:

- Featured Story: Novel Studies/Book Clubs (The Magic Finger, The Wind in the Willows, Frindle)
- Focus Skills: Story Structure/Elements, Main Idea, Summarizing, Theme

Next Week: **No Quiz this Week**

- Continuing Novel Studies/Book Clubs (The Magic Finger, The Wind in the Willows, Frindle)
- Focus Skills: Story Structure/Elements, Main Idea, Summarizing, Theme
- Over the next few weeks, we will complete various activities and have group discussions based on your child's assigned book. Students will be given time in class to complete their assigned readings.

Learning Ally (**Novel Study books - Meant more for catch up and rereading - not to read ahead**)

-read.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud Book 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)

Not Homework but Recommended:

Nightly Reading (M-Th) - Approximately 20 min. Students should indicate the number of minutes read each night/week in their planner.

Religion

This Week:

We focused our attention around Lent, completed activities that explored the significance of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving during this time, and continued planning for 3rd Grade's final Mass duties for the school year. On **March 28**, Ms. Grassi's homeroom will be in charge of leading the mass.

Additionally, those who are Catholic went to Confession this week. In order to prepare for this sacrament, we did an examination of conscience and gave time for students to reflect on what sins they had committed. Other students did a similar reflection on how to make positive changes/improvements to their life and think of how their actions affect others. We stressed how important it is that you are truly sorry for your sins (contrition) and that you are determined to try and avoid committing these sins in the future (resolution).

Next Week: As we move into the Sixth week of Lent/Holy Week, we will watch videos, read/discuss from our workbook, and complete activities that help us to build our relationship with God and to help us connect with the sacrifice that Jesus made for us and the joy that will come because of it on Easter.