

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

03/29/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **Spring Dress begins on Monday, April 8** (when we return from Easter Break)
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing

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Social Studies

This week students will complete their vocabulary foldable booklet, and our Test on Ancient Egypt will be on Wednesday, March 27th.

Next week students will learn about the contributions of Ancient China. We will begin with written language and architecture.

Math

This week students will learn our basic multiplication facts by using the strategies of multiples, repeated addition and inverse operation.

Next week students will begin with reviewing the multiples of 5 and 10 for multiplication, and review inverse operation and fact families to learn their division facts of 5 and 10.

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

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We focused primarily on Adverbs and reviewing for our test, as well as working through our writing unit on comparing and contrasting. Our goal will be to write 1 paragraph with 5-6

sentences that include clear topic and conclusion sentences along with descriptive detail-oriented sentences in the middle. When we return from the break, we will be introducing transition words that will help provide the glue to connect all of our ideas together (and to highlight similarities and differences between St. Valentine and St. Patrick) and continue the writing process as we look to make edits and other changes to our work before publishing a final copy.

Next Week:

-Grammar:

-*Workbook - Quotations, pp. 116, 164, Contractions, p. 165*

-*Mentor Sentence: (Focus: Quotations, Contractions) - Quiz - Fri 4/12*

I need my Monster <https://storylineonline.net/books/i-need-my-monster/>

"Well, aren't you a picky one," she sniffed, and then she was gone.

-Old: Word Study (Spelling): No Words assigned on Wed 3/27

-New: Word Study (Spelling): Diphthong (gliding) oi & ou Vowel Teams (tin**foil**, cl**oudy**, p**owder**)

-Assigned on Wed 4/10

-Featured Story: *Cactus Soup (and Stone Soup)* - (Focus: Compare/Contrast) (Quiz - Fri 4/19)

-Cactus Soup - <https://vimeo.com/20863155>

-Stone Soup - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZdhZdmvsuk>

-Writing Unit - Compare and Contrast (St. Valentine vs. St. Patrick) and Transitions

Learning Ally **Stone Soup** is available here and can be accessed at home (**Not Cactus Soup**)

-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.

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Theology

This Week:

Holy Week was a special week for us. We spent time in the chapel on Monday for Adoration (a time of prayer where we are physically in the presence of Jesus as the Eucharist is exposed), walked the Stations of the Cross outside, discussed our tenet of the month, compassion (*St. Thérèse of Lisieux*), and prepared for Easter and the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

Next Week (after Easter Break):

We will continue our writing unit (comparing and contrasting) and looking at St. Valentine and St. Patrick. We all also continue our work in our Christ In Us workbook (Unit 3, Lesson 11 - How do we know God loves us?)

Science

This week students will complete their vocabulary foldable booklet on matter and its properties.

Next week students will be introduced to how temperature affects matter and describe the process of evaporation and condensation. Students will learn about the properties of mass, volume, and density through our experiments.