



**Charlottesville
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Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, April 3** Spring Dress Begins
- **Thursday, April 6** Holy Thursday 11:30 Dismissal No Aftercare
- **Friday, April 7** Good Friday No School
- **April 10-14** Spring Break

Announcements:

Please send in 12 empty plastic eggs and an empty egg carton with your child as soon as possible. We will be making Resurrection Eggs in Religion class to tell the story of Easter.

Social Studies

We are focusing on science this quarter.

Math

This week we continued our study on graphing. We reviewed what a bar graph is, how to construct one and how to use the data to answer questions. This week we learned about tally charts. We learned how to construct one and how to use the data to answer questions. Next week we will continue our study on graphs and construct some Easter themed graphs.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we examined Fairy Tales and some common characteristics (e.g., Good vs. Evil, magic, and talking animals). We focused on *The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf* as well as the

fractured Fairy Tale, *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*. We compared the original with the new adapted version, which was aimed at providing additional humor and an unexpected twist to the story. We also continued to look at story elements (i.e., plot, setting, characters, problem, and solution). Next week we will continue exploring Fairy Tales with the classic *Goldilocks and the Three Little Bears* and the adapted, Fractured Fairy Tale, *The Mermaid*. Compare and Contrast will be our focus skill.

Grammar

Our focus this week was on Commas in a Series. We first practiced identifying nouns and activities that were being listed and belong together in a sentence. We then learned how to place commas in between these items (e.g., 3 things listed will require 2 commas). This also gave us the opportunity to review conjunctions (and, or), which can influence the meaning of a sentence. Next week we will introduce Compound Words.

Writing

There were several ways we wrote this week. We wrote about story elements (characters, setting, problem and solution, themes) found in popular Folktales. We also practiced the skills of Comparing/Contrasting, Describing, incorporating Commas in a Series, and Conjunctions into our writing during various types of activities. Additionally, we had many writing opportunities across content areas including sentence dictation, spelling, written responses in science and math, and addressing new vocabulary. Writing activities in our Daily 5 rotations such as journal/story writing continued as well.

Religion

We continued our Lent lapbook this week in religion. We learned about Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. We also walked the stations with our 5th grade Faith Buddies. Next week we will finish our Lent lapbook.

Science

This week we continued learning about space. We watched some space videos and wrote space facts for our space book that we are making. Next week we will finish our study of space.

Other Information

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 classroom is nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library Tuesday - Mass and Library Wednesday - P.E. and Art

Thursday-Art and Music 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.

Colder Weather is still 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 morning recess, lunch recess, and snack as much as we can.

Homework (M-Th)

For the week of: 4/3-4/7

Math- Math Spiral Review 10

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. Additionally, for each completed book, your child will color in their reading log for the month (e.g. January books = Snowflakes). Don't forget the monthly reading challenge that was included in the binder as well. These activities are designed to motivate readers/encourage students to have fun with reading. It's optional, but highly recommended.

ELA- ELA Spiral Review 10

Religion- Path Through Lent Activity