



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3-31-2023

3rd Grade

Teacher's Message/Announcements:

- **Sixth Week of Lent (3/27 - 4/3) - Holy Week (Palm Sunday/Modern Day Simon of Cyrene)**
Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org/holy-week to learn more.
- **April 6 - 11:30 Dismissal** (No Aftercare)
- **April 7 - April 16 - No school** (Easter Break)
- **Monday, April 17** (School Resumes)
- **May 17 - Third Grade Field Trip: Monticello**
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>

Teacher email addresses:

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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. We will be planting our lima bean, sunflower, and marigold plants in our school garden. Students will then observe and measure their growth rate throughout the rest of the school year.

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. We have multiples from 0-10 going home in their homework folders to strengthen their multiplication skills and fluency.

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 and division.

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: **Prefixes (dis-, un-, pre-, re-)**
- Suffixes: Intro - **ous (adj) and us (noun)**, Review - less, ive, ful, ment, sub, ness, y, mis, able/ible
- Prefixes: Intro - **de**, Review - fore, inter, un, re, pre, dis, mis
- Writing - Expository: Comparing and Contrasting

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: Review past Skills - **No Quiz this Week**
- Suffixes: Intro - **ous (adj), us (noun)**, Review - less, ive, ful, ment, sub, ness, y, mis, able/ible
- Prefixes: Intro - **trans**, Review - de, fore, inter, un, re, pre, dis, mis
- Writing - Expository: Comparing and Contrasting

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:

Ms. Grassi's homeroom did a wonderful job leading mass on Tuesday! We also continued discussing and completing activities centered around Lent and the significance of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving during this time.

Next Week:

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, and it will conclude on Holy Saturday, which also is the conclusion of the Lenten Season. In preparation for this special time, we will be walking the stations of the cross and completing other activities that will bring us closer to Jesus, help us to recognize all that he sacrificed for us, and to begin celebrating his resurrection on Easter Sunday. We will also be examining the Easter Triduum, or last 3 days of Jesus' life (Holy Thursday - The Last Supper, Good Friday - Jesus' passion and crucifixion, and Holy Saturday - Mourning the death and burial of Jesus).