



Charlottesville Catholic School

April Specialist Newsletter 2023

Announcements

Important Dates:

May 7-13 - CCS Annual Arts Week

May 8-12 - Book Fair

Wednesday, May 10, 4-7 - Arts Open House, volunteers needed

Friday, May 12- Grandparents' & Great Friends Day

Mass Choir:

Students from grades 4-8 are invited to join us in the mass choir. In order to participate, students are required to attend our practice rehearsal at 7:45 AM on Tuesdays before Mass. **Students need to be dropped off no later than 7:45 AM, and must sign in with Mrs. Fitzgerald in the front lobby.** Students can choose to do just one week, or every week. Hope to sing with your children soon!

Library - Jennifer Furin/ j.furin@cvillecatholic.org

We will be hosting a Book fair in May. Please consider volunteering for this important library event. There will be a sign-up genius that will soon be posted. I don't have a chairperson for the event yet. If you would like to volunteer please send me an email!



This month we read some stories about dogs in K and 1. We specifically read two about the Iditarod which takes place in March. We also read some St. Patrick's Day stories and are now moving into Easter. In second grade we studied dinosaurs. Our first story was Dinosaur Cove. We also read nonfiction books that gave characteristics about dinosaurs. We finished Dinosaur Detectives, a Magic School Bus story. Their last dinosaur activity was to complete an ABC paper using words from the

table of contents and index of our dinosaur books.

Third graders finished their fantasy book called The Dragon of Doom which is a Moongobble and Me series. After Easter we start another fantasy chapter book.

Fourth and fifth graders continue to select books for their assignments in LA class. Fourth grade is still reading a realistic fiction book. The story is Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko. Fifth grade is reading a classic. We are reading The Phantom of the Opera adapted by Lisa Mullarkey. We will start into a mystery story after Easter.

Special Note for K - 5 parents If your student is having a birthday and you would like to come in to read a "special" story, please send me an email. It could be a fun surprise.

Library days

K: Tuesday/Friday

1st: Monday/Tuesday

2nd grade: Monday/Tuesday

3rd grade: Thursday

4th grade: Friday

5th grade: Monday

Physical Education - **Andrew Frazier**

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K-2: Striking With Implements / Skills Review / Introduce basketball skills

- We have continued to use different implements and practice striking objects using another object, such as your hand swinging and hitting a moving ball. We have introduced some base level basketball skills which is also a form of striking. When dribbling basketball we simply focus on tapping and pushing the ball toward the floor. As always, we keep busy with new Tag style activities that challenge movement, social interaction, and listening skills.

3-5: Basketball Skills Focus

- We have focused on general basketball skills such as Dribbling, Passing, and Shooting. We have explored the different types of dribbles, passes, and shots that can be made. We have covered some basic boundaries and rules and implemented all skill practice into game activities!

6-8: Basketball

-Unit Objectives: Skills learned and applied - Dribbling, Passing, Shooting, Teamwork offensively and defensively, Game rules and application.

-Over the course of the month we have implemented the skills of the game, the rules of the game, and we recognize the physical and social impact that a game like basketball can have. We are finishing a small tournament now!

Athletics: Spring Season is well underway. Baseball is undefeated in their inaugural season. Track has competed in two meets, and Girls Soccer is off to another great start! Keep your eyes on the Archangel Announcement every Sunday afternoon for

upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you out there. Good luck to everyone this Spring - Go Archangels!!!

Art - **Vanessa Devlin** v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org 
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The Annual School-wide Art Show will be up for viewing May 8-12 in the CCS Gym (Thank you Mr. Frazier!). This year we are excited to welcome our community to our Arts Open House on Wednesday, May 10th, from 4 until 7.

Looking for Volunteers! We will need a great team of volunteers to pull off a wonderful night celebrating the Arts. If you would like to be involved in any way - from prepping Art before the show, set-up or take down, providing or serving refreshments or supervising activities - please utilize this [Sign-Up Genius](#).

Music - Kate Wisbey k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

In March, we celebrated "Music in Our Schools Month!" by hosting a fun, musical game called "Find the CCS Mystery Musician/Staff!" Winner will receive a \$25 giftcard to Brazos Tacos next Thursday morning over broadcast at 8:15 AM. Feel free to watch to see the winner!- <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org/>

There are openings for a few more students to perform at the art open house performance show, especially 2nd grade. Please email me at k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org if you are interested.

If you would like to HEAR what we have been working on in class, feel free to check out our google drive folder or our soundcloud:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/116qUrozlAet2GLaRoaAH4jOe-ZipnVK3>

<https://on.soundcloud.com/WnYk8MZrmzUBrv6V8>



K-2:

- *Learning about singing in solfege- Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So*
- *Using Orff instruments using C pentatonic; learning songs for the spring concert from "This Land is Your Land," to "What a Wonderful World", and a story told through songs to the book "I love my Family."*



Solfège Hopscotch!



Happy Birthday Mrs. Draper!

3-5:

3rd grade: Ukulele! Students learned:

- C, G, A, and F chords; how to use a pick and strumming techniques; learning how to play "Count on Me like 1, 2, 3"

Feel free to check out this resource: [\(7\) Kasey's Music Method - YouTube](#)

-We are also beginning a fun Ukulele packet that includes fun kid's songs. If you would like a copy of this packet to practice at home, please feel free to email me at: k.wisbey@cvillecatholic.org

4th grade:

- Recorder: Worked on notes C, A, G, and E
 - Recorder workbooks- please feel free to email me if you would like a copy of this. Students learn how to read notes as well as play them in fun kid songs as well!
- Learned a fun Irish song "1, 2, 3 O leary" and Gottlin Bog'
- Learned dance called "Zudio" and learned recorder part for Grandparent's day music show

5th grade:



5A: Learning about Orff instruments and how to play in an Orff ensemble- learning the song "Somebody" by Ingrid Michaelson for spring concert

5B: (above and)

- Learned recorder song and dance called "the Summer Olympics" for the Grandparent's day music show

Spanish - Jasmine Osteen j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

In grades 3-5 students have been learning about animals! We learned vocabulary for pets, farm animals, and wild animals. Students practiced this vocabulary by talking about what animals they like (me gusta), what pets they have (yo tengo), and what colors the animals are (es rosado). They then played charades, hangman and pictionary to further practice the words. This week we incorporated parts of the body by playing another drawing game where students collaborated by each drawing a different animal body part (head, torso, legs, feet, ect) to make one crazy animal. The students then described the animals in Spanish.

Next week we will be discussing Semana Santa (holy week)!