

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 3/4/2022

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Teacher Emails

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, March 7th**
 - Blue & Gold Day
- **Friday, March 11th**
 - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform)
 - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>

Curriculum

Math

This week we introduced pictographs (graphs using picture symbols to represent data sets). We learned and practiced how to read the title and labels as well as interpret the data. We also continued practicing telling time to the hour and half hour, reading digital and analog clocks and working with time-related vocabulary such as second, minute, hour, hour hand, minute hand, second hand, AM, PM, Noon, and Midnight. Next week we will focus on creating Bar Graphs and learning how to identify and interpret relevant characteristics such as titles, labels, data, and numbers.

Reading and Language Arts

Reading

This week we read the book, "Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion," which is a reinterpretation of "Little Red Riding Hood." We discussed Folktales, specifically how they are stories that are passed down from generation to generation and that may include a moral lesson and/or a theme like good vs. evil or a character overcoming something. We also addressed story elements such as characters, setting, problem, and solution. An additional skill that was practiced was comparing and contrasting. We used a venn diagram to compare our main book of the week with the original version. Next week we will analyze the poetic elements of nursery rhymes. We will also utilize the book, "After The Fall," which explains what happened to Humpty Dumpty after he fell, to help us with plot and other story elements.

Grammar

Our focus this week was about Adverbs of Time that answer the question when (e.g., now, tomorrow, already, early, and today). We discussed how Adverbs are related to Verbs and thus reviewed "action" words as well. Next week we will learn about Conjunctions (joining words) such as and, but, or, and so.

Word Study/Spelling

Our target spelling patterns this week focused on the long e(brief), long i(pie), and long a(eight). We spent time studying these patterns as well as looking at their relationship to long vowel sounds. We also discussed how there are two common “rules” that are often brought up when it comes to distinguishing between ie or ei. However, they are both very inconsistent and should not be taught as absolutes. The first is i before e, except after c (True 75% of the time - species). The second “rule” is when two vowels go walking, the first does the talking (True 40% of the time - brief). We also continued reviewing previously taught spelling patterns and skills along with syllable types, syllable division, and sentence dictation. Next week students will receive a new word sort (spelling list).

Writing

There were several ways we wrote this week. We wrote about story elements (characters, setting, problem and solution, themes) found in our folktales. We also practiced the skill of comparing and contrasting and incorporated adverbs into our writing during various types of activities. We also 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

This week we started our interactive notebook on Jesus. We read stories and colored Bible verses on how Jesus is our protector and our provider. We also unscrambled each story in our notebook. Next week we will continue our interactive notebook on Jesus and focus on how Jesus is our healer and our savior.

Science/ Social Studies

Animal Unit - Over the next few weeks, we will learn about animal habitats, adaptations, classifying animals, and more.

Homework

For the week of: 3/7-3/11

Math - 2nd Quarter Week 9 Math Sheet - Complete one activity each night (**M - Th**).

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. March books = Shamrocks). 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.

Word Study/Spelling - Students should sort their Word Study/Spelling words each night as well as work on **3** activities total of their choosing from the Weekly Spelling Menu (**M - Th**, 10 min./night).

Religion - Practice Guardian Angel Prayer

Notes From the Classroom

Virtual School Days - Thoughts

If we have additional Virtual School Days, First Grade will continue to use the Google Meet Platform to have our meetings. To help these meetings run smoothly, there are a couple of things that are going to be important for students to keep in mind. We will of course be reiterating these rules/guidelines here at school.

- 1) **Noise** - Please remind your child to remain "muted" until they have been prompted otherwise by their teacher. Students should "raise their hand," just as they would in the classroom, if they would like to share something (red hand icon).
- 2) **Appearance** - Although uniforms will not be required for first graders, it is important that your child presents themselves in a positive manner. Therefore, when they are on camera, they should be ideally sitting at a table/desk or in a chair. They should not be lying in their bed. They should also do their best to avoid anything that may distract the other students on screen (i.e., playing and/or excessive moving around).
- 3) **Typing** - If students need to type or respond to their teacher, they can utilize the chat feature by clicking on the word bubble icon.

As a reminder, we may be doing this again because we have already missed 5 days of school and hope to not add make-up days to the end of our school year. We fully realize that this plan only works if the area does not lose power or internet. If we have virtual school and you cannot access, it will be an excused absence. We will continue to utilize the home materials (Snow Day Packet) as well. First grade will continue to be largely asynchronous, with digital check-ins available throughout the day.

Outside for Snack, Lunch, and Recess

We have really enjoyed the warmer weather this week. However, please be mindful of those colder fronts that may sweep through over the next few months. Perhaps it's not the heavy winter jacket, but since we will continue to go outside for snack, lunch, and recess, some type of long sleeve coat or sweatshirt is still a good idea. Inside the school can sometimes feel a bit chilly as well. And if need be, your child can still bring coats, hats, and gloves with them to school. Ladies should not have bare legs when the temperature is below freezing. Please make sure they wear tights or leggings under their jumpers.

We are still in Winter Dress

This means we are not wearing shorts and ankle socks. Girls must also be in navy knee highs, navy leggings, or navy tights. Please have your child try on their uniform pants to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and shipping delays.

Snack (9:00)/ Lunch(11:50)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Just as a reminder we cannot give out food or plastic utensils to children this year. Also, please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Both First Grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. ***Please make sure that water bottles only contain water. We have had a few juice/ sports drink spills and they become rather messy.***

Masks and Water Bottles

We cannot give out extra masks to students. Please make sure to pack an extra mask or two in your child's bag. Please make sure that students are bringing a water bottle to school daily. We do not have access to a water fountain and do not have disposable water bottles at school

for the students to have.

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library Tuesday - Art Wednesday - Art and Music

Thursday-P.E. and Music Friday - Mass and Library

CCS School Calendar (December 2021 - June 2022)

[CCS School Calendar December 2021-June 2022](#)

We have several major CCS events missing from the calendar such as Grandparents and Great Friends Day, Field Day, the Art Show, and our Read-A-Thon. These events must remain fluid due to ongoing COVID 19 restrictions.

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.

Blue & Gold Days (Not Every Monday)

Please check the calendar above for designated Blue & Gold Days. There has been some confusion about this.

Monthly Scholastic Book Orders

<https://clubs.scholastic.com>

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