



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

March 8, 2024

Dear Families,

We wrap up another short yet action packed week of learning and growth in 4th grade. We are entering the last few weeks of our 3rd quarter together, and are continually impressed by the dedication and hard work your children display each day. They are dedicated to learning. In academics, we've seen remarkable strides across the board. One of the most valuable lessons the children are learning this year is the importance of resilience and perseverance. They're not afraid to tackle challenging problems or make mistakes along the way because they understand that it's all part of the learning process. Their ability to bounce back from setbacks and keep pushing forward is a testament to their resilience and determination. Beyond academics, we are seeing tremendous growth in their social and emotional skills. They're becoming more empathetic and compassionate individuals, showing kindness and consideration towards their peers, and taking initiative to support one another. Our hope is that together we can continue to nurture and encourage their growth both academically and personally. We are truly blessed to have parents like you as part of our 4th grade family.

In Christ,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- Friday, March 22 is the end of the 3rd quarter. Students will have an 11:30AM dismissal that day. STEAM Aftercare and JK Extended Day will both be in session.
- Thursday, March 28 is an 11:30AM dismissal and begins Easter Break. JK Extended Day will NOT be offered that afternoon.
- Gala Auction "Stock the Bar" Wall
The *Wall of Wine* has been one of the most coveted auction items of galas past and this year the wall is growing to include all you'll need to fully STOCK YOUR BAR. The *Stock Your Bar Wall* will include 50 bottles of

wine and spirits, mixers, and bar tools and we need your help to make this happen! Please drop off donations to the front office (you can also hand it off in carline and a teacher will ensure it gets somewhere safe). Thank you for your help!

Important Dates

- Thursday, March 28- Passion Play (9:00 am)

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students began to learn about westward expansion and the Corps of Discovery! Students researched Lewis and Clark's expedition and wrote journal entries. This was a wonderful and engaging activity!

Next week, we will begin a unit on the Civil War!

Science

This week in Science we took a deep dive into the formation of three main types of rocks: igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary. Students learned about the different processes that led to the creation of each type of rock, from the cooling and solidification of molten lava for igneous rocks, to the heat and pressure that transform existing rocks into metamorphic rocks, to the accumulation and cementation of sediments for sedimentary rocks. Students explored the continuous process by which rocks are transformed from one type into another over time through processes like weathering, erosion, and melting. A few highlights of the week were making our own sedimentary rock, and beginning a mini research project on a rock of choice.

We will continue Ch. 7 next week.

Math

This week, students have been mastering the skills of multiplying whole numbers by fractions, and multiplying whole numbers with mixed numbers. It has been fantastic to see their problem-solving skills in action as they tackle these more complex mathematical tasks. Putting their multiplication skills into context, students have been practicing solving word problems that involve these operations. The word problems have challenged students to apply their mathematical understanding to real-life situations, helping them develop critical thinking and problem solving strategies.

Today we took our test over Unit 11. Next week we look forward to learning about decimals in Unit 12.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued a cross curricular research project in which they are researching a sub topic of the American Revolution. This group research project will push students to learn more about the American Revolution and sharpen their critical thinking and research skills.

Next week, we will continue this unit.

Theology

This week in Theology, students completed their Unit 3 Lesson 12 quiz, demonstrating their understanding of the Beatitudes, the Theological Virtues, and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. As part of our exploration of our March tenet of the month "compassion", we've been studying the life of St. Therese of Lisieux. Known for her profound love and empathy for others, she serves as a beautiful example of compassion in action. Through our in class activities, students have been inspired by her life and legacy.

We're excited to report that we've had two successful Passion Play rehearsals this week. The students have been working diligently to bring the story of Jesus' passion and resurrection to life. They've received the bare bones of their costumes, and we encourage you to refer to the costume email sent out last week for ideas on how to enhance the pieces they've been given. **Please remember to ensure that your child has a pair of brown open-toe sandals for their costume; flip flops are not permitted.**

Next week, we will begin Unit 3 Lesson 13: "How does God teach us to love?" We will explore our understanding of the 10 Commandments, and 4B will begin planning Mass for the feast of Saint Joseph on Tuesday, March 19th.