

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

First Grade 4.12.24

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Upcoming Dates:

- April 19 1st Grade Field Trip Permission Slips Due (in your student's binder!)
- April 27 CCS Gala Auction
- May 1 1st Grade Field Trip to Wildrock
- May 6-10 Art Show and Book Fair (May 8 Art Show Open House)
- May 10 Grandparents & Great Friends Day
- May 14 May Crowning Mass
- May 24 Field Day, 11:30am Dismissal
- May 27 School Closed, Memorial Day
- May 31 1st Grade Poetry Cafe, 1:00pm in the Performance Space
- **June 3** Beach Reading Day & Ice Cream Party (more details to come)
- **June 4** Game Day (more details to come)
- June 5 Last Day of School, 11:30am Dismissal

Announcements:

Save the Date! Our annual **Grandparents and Great Friends Day will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024**. Students in JK-5th are encouraged to invite their grandparents or another special visitor to join them at school that day. More information, including an RSVP form, will be in next week's Tuesday Teller.

Call for Art Show Volunteers (STUDENT AND PARENT OPPORTUNITIES)

Mrs. Devlin needs help mounting, labeling and hanging student art for our annual All CCS Art Show. Prep work begins now and the show will be hung Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th, The Open House will take place after school Wednesday, May 8th. Food and Beverages will be needed. Please see the SignUp Genius linked here to sign up.

Social Studies

We focused on science this week.

Math

This week we started our 8th unit! This unit is teaching us all about time. We started learning about the calendar and how we can measure time in days, weeks, months, and years. We also worked on how long activities in our daily life can take- seconds, minutes, or hours. We will continue our unit on time next week.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read the book *Wangari's Trees of Peace* by Jeanette Winter. In this story we learned about how Wangari worked hard to bring trees back to Kenya in Africa. We learned about the central idea of a story and how to find evidence or key details to support our central idea.

Grammar

Our focus this week was on compound sentences. We learned that we can combine two shorter sentences using the conjunctions that we learned earlier in the year.

Writing

There were several ways we wrote this week. We started learning about poetry. 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.

Theology

In Theology, we reviewed the events of Holy Week and celebrated the Resurrection with some Easter art, including watercolor painting and marble painting! Alleluia! We learned that Easter lasts 50 days and that for the first 40 days of Easter, Jesus visits with His apostles to prepare them to preach the gospel message throughout the world. Finally, we learned about our April virtue of the month, Achiever, and how St. Agatha Kim A-gi exemplifies the virtue of achievement.

Science

This week we learned about living vs nonliving things. We played a game and went on a scavenger hunt outside for living and nonliving things. Next week we will talk about animal classifications.

Other Information

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 and even though the temps get warm in the afternoon it is quite chilly in the morning.

Summer Dress

Shorts and ankle socks are back! Please have your child try on their uniform shorts to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and shipping delays.

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

Specials Schedule

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

Thursday-Library Friday - Music

Dress Uniform

<u>Boys</u> - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks NO white.

<u>Girls</u>- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

Homework (M-TH)

Math- Math Spiral Review #26

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night.

FOR FUN! Reading April Challenge:) See how many you can complete.

ELA- ELA Spiral Review #26

Religion- Practice Grace Before Meals