

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Teacher Emails

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, April 25th (School Resumes)**
 - Spring Dress Begins (see Notes from the Classroom)
- **Friday, April 29th**
 - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform)
 - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
- **Monday, May 2nd**
 - Blue & Gold Day



Volunteers needed for the 2022 Art Show Prep and Set Up

We're back! The annual CCS Art Show is back in person and we couldn't be more excited to showcase the creative learning our students have engaged in this year. The show, which will take place during the week of May 9th, takes many hands to prepare and hang. There are multiple times available during the Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays leading up to the show to help prepare and create displays. The hanging of the show will be May 7th and 8th and will require a team of volunteers. Thank you for considering donating your time to this effort. Please review the available slots here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA9A82BA46-2022>

Curriculum

Math

This week we practiced identifying and sorting money and used a strategy to help students count money called Hairy Money. We also had some fun solving the “Math Mystery: The Case of the Egg Thief.” The mystery involved completing different math review activities to help the Easter Bunny find who had stolen all the Easter eggs. After the break we will continue reviewing money (penny, nickel, dime, and quarter) as well as introducing Financial Literacy. New vocabulary will include allowance, income, cost, wants, needs, saving, spending, budget, and charity.

Reading and Language Arts

Reading

This week we had a lot of fun using the book, *The Great Eggescape!*, to review reading and language skills (e.g., adjectives and discussing characters) as well as to complete related STEM activities. Next up we will be looking at Author’s Purpose (i.e., persuade, inform, and entertain) and reading the book, *I Don’t Want to be a Frog*.

Grammar

Our next, new Grammar skill will be contractions. These are words that are made by combining two words with an apostrophe such as don’t (do not) and I’m (I am).

Word Study/Spelling

We reviewed the bossy r and its many sounds and spelling patterns this week (e.g., ar, er, ir, ur, and or, as well as other r-controlled patterns like oar, our, are, air, ear, and eer). With so many patterns, the bossy r word sorts can present a lot of challenges for spellers, therefore, we will continue to review words with these types of patterns throughout the rest of the year. There will be a new sort after the break with the usual homework assigned.

Writing

This week we wrote about the characters from our main story, *The Great Eggescape!*, and had many more opportunities to write across content areas including STEM activities, 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 concluded our study on Lent and Easter. We wrote an Easter poem and opened our Resurrection Eggs. We read the story *Benjamin's Box* and opened eggs that corresponded with the Easter story. When we return we will focus on the Baptism of Jesus.

Science/ Social Studies

We completed several STEM activities related to our Reading lessons this week. We addressed animal survival/adaptations (e.g., camouflage, mimicry, and defenses) and magnetism. When we return from break we will continue looking at maps and practicing map skills.

Homework

For the week of: 4/25-4/29

Math - 3rd Quarter Week 5 Math Sheet - Complete All Activities (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. April books = Rainclouds). 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 1 prayer per night.

Notes From the Classroom

Spring Dress begins Monday, April 25th

Boys and Girls

- Yellow crested polo for K-2 (FlynnO'Hara only)
- Navy shorts or pants (Land's End or FlynnO'Hara)
 - Brown, black, navy, or CCS belts are optional for K-2, but required for 3-5
 - White, navy, black ankle or crew socks (small logo is acceptable, but stripes and designs are not)

Girls

- Plaid jumper (FlynnO'Hara only)
 - solid dark shorts must be worn underneath
 - white peter pan collared shirt (FlynnO'Hara only)
 - white, navy, black ankle or folded down crew socks (summer dress only)
 - navy knee socks (no white or black knee socks)

Shoes

- Boys
 - solid black mocs
 - black tennis shoes - a touch of white is permissible, but no other colors, patterns, or lights
- Girls
 - solid black mocs or Mary Janes
 - black tennis shoes - a touch of white is permissible, but no other colors, patterns, or lights

Outside for Snack, Lunch, and Recess

Please be mindful of the colder mornings and some cooler days that we might get this spring. Bringing sweatshirts and sweaters will still be a good idea since we will continue to go outside for snack, lunch, and recess. 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.

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. Also, please make sure that students are bringing a water bottle to school daily. We 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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