

Charlottesville Catholic School Specialist Newsletter

Important Upcoming Reminders

| Date | Event |
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| 4/29-5/5 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 5/7 and $5/8$ | Art Show Hanging (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED) |
| 5/9-5/13 | Art Show |
| 5/10/22 - 9am | JK-2nd Spring Concert |
| 5/11/22 - 9am | 3rd-5th Spring Concert |

Library - Mrs. Banaszak m. banaszak@cvillecatholic.org

Please use the **sign up genius** published in the Tuesday Teller to sign up to help with the **Spring book fair!** We are back inside in the performance space! Thank you for supporting the book fair which funds book purchases for our library.

JK-1st graders dove heavily into Dr. Suess's works during his birthday month and we rounded out March with a healthy dose of Insects, baby animals and St. Patrick's day books.

2nd graders finished biography studies and have moved on to Ancient Egypt. We are learning fascinating facts from the non-fiction books in our library collection and have started reading <u>Tut Tut</u> by John Scieszka. To quote the author, "Your brain is doing

some great work when it's laughing." John Scieszka does not disappoint in this humorous sci-fi time traveling story!

3rd graders are still reading <u>Have</u> a <u>Hot Time Hades</u> by Kate McMullen. I have also introduced them to several picture books with different Greek gods and goddesses as well as the non-fiction mythology books in our collection.



4th graders are gearing up for their "No Talking" day! We've been inspired by the protagonists in <u>No Talking</u> by Andrew Clements, to hold a "No talking" morning in April between Ms. Taleghani and Mr. Burgin's classes. The class with the "least" amount of

spoken words by lunch/ recess wins!

5th graders finished their Toontastic book talks! Although there were some technological glitches the students had so much fun creating them and sharing their goofy videos with their classmates! Our last read-a-loud will be <u>Number the Stars</u> by Newberry award winner Lois Lowry which takes place in Denmark during WWII. Themes discussed will include Holocaust, Resistors, Righteous Gentiles, and Survivors.

PE - Mr. Frazier a.frazier@cvillecatholic.org

In light of "March Madness" and the basketball tournaments that happen this time of year, I have had each age group focused on some sort of basketball or "hoops" activity.

K-2 has explored some introductory passing and catching skills and went through various activities where they learned specific types of passes such as bounce pass and chest pass. Additionally we went through some dribbling practices discovering dominant hand vs. non-dominant and what feels more comfortable. We even had some time to lower a basketball goal and practice some shooting.

3-5 has taken part in more cooperative activities that use basic skills (dribbling/passing/shooting) and incorporated them into small sided games.



*Pictured - Bounce Pass Builders - Activity

where bounce pass is being utilized to create a structure. Each time a bounce pass circulates around the circle through each group member, and the pass circulates successfully... They get to grab a piece of equipment to jointly build their own structure. Here, this group was building a large Pyramid*

Middle School has been going through a mini-basketball unit learning the actual rules of basketball and how to apply the skills into a game setting. As always, the focus is more on cooperation and teamwork vs. mastering the skill. We will be wrapping up with a small 3 vs. 3 tournament.

Athletics Update - Both soccer and Track are well underway. Girls soccer is currently undefeated at 4-0. Track has participated in their first track meet where runners experienced an actual track and some fun and success along the way. Next up, a big meet at Eastern View High School in Culpeper, VA on Friday 4/8.



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. Please put the Art Show on your calendar and join us for a night of celebration and creativity. The show, which will take place during the week of May 9th, takes many hands to prepare and hang.

Music - Ms. Howard s.howard@cvillecatholic.org

Life in the music room has centered on a few things these past few months: Ukuleles, singing, and performing in an orchestra. Our Spring Concert is coming up in the middle of May, so it is a perfect time to honor our Blessed Mother Mary in song as a celebration of our first in person concert in a while. We will be singing a few other hymns as well.

K-2nd will be singing/playing songs about springtime. A wonderful way to welcome the warm weather and sunshine!

3rd-5th will be playing ukulele along to some popular songs that may or may not have a few silly surprises along the way!

Everyone has been working well to put on a good performance and do our best! I am looking forward to the artistic celebration during a WHOLE WEEK of May.

For the dates of the upcoming concerts, please check the dates at the top of the newsletter. You can also find them in the Tuesday Teller.

Spanish - Mrs. Osteen j.osteen@cvillecatholic.org

The past few weeks we have been busy in Spanish class! We have been working on family members and describing people, as well as continuing to review the calendar, the weather, numbers, colors, and emotions!

2nd - 5th grade learned the members of the family and created their own family trees. We then spent a few classes talking about the amount of people, siblings, cousins, ect we had. We then moved on to learning basic adjectives. The students learned how to describe themselves and other people using the verb "ser". Below are drawings created by the students describing themselves.







We will now begin to learn about clothing and how to describe the clothes with colors!