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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **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:

Time for fun in the sun! We are looking forward to our upcoming field trip at Wildrock on Wednesday, May 1st! Thank you to all those parents who have so graciously offered to transport and chaperone students.

- Students should wear their Team Blue or Team Gold t-shirts, sneakers that can get dirty, and jean pants.
- Please be sure to put sunscreen on your student in the morning before school.
- Drop off labeled booster seats during morning carline so chaperones can pick them up before we leave the school.
- Students should pack a labeled brown bag lunch and water bottle.

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. There will be 2 sessions for visits–JK through 2nd grade at 8:45AM (**check-in from 8:30AM-8:45AM**), and 3rd through 5th grades at 10:45AM (**check-in between 10:30AM and 10:45AM**). Those visiting multiple students are welcome to attend both sessions. [Please fill out this RSVP form](#) **no later than Friday, May 3** so that we can properly plan for the day.

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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA9A82BA46-49042420-2024>

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming the Week of May 6-10!! It will be open during your child's usual Library class times, first for creating their Wish List and later for shopping. The Fair will also be open Wednesday evening during the Art Show Open House and Friday morning during Grandparents and Great Friends Day.

You are more than welcome to come and help your child shop, or if you would prefer to have your child shop on their own, [you may set up an e-wallet](#) for them. Details will be on the Scholastic Flyer that goes home next week. Scholastic also takes credit cards, checks and cash.

Please consider signing up to help with the book fair. We need lots of hands to help make this event a success! [Visit the Sign Up Genius here for available slots.](#)

Social Studies

We focused on science this week.

Math

This week we started our unit on data and graphing. We learned how to gather and organize data in a number chart and on a tally chart. We also conducted surveys in the classroom and then worked on graphing the results. Next week we will continue to work on our graphing unit.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read several books about frogs in order to explore Author's Purpose (i.e., **Persuade, Inform, and Entertain**). We compared story structure and different fiction and nonfiction text structure and elements to determine the author's main purpose for writing. Next week we will read the book *Alligator and Crocodiles* as well other nonfiction related books as part of a research unit. We will be using reading comprehension strategies, examining nonfiction text structures, and practicing with synonyms and antonyms to determine facts and figure out hard words.

Grammar

This week we worked with 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). Next week we will not be addressing a new grammar skill. Instead, we will be conducting research and completing a research project during class time on alligators and crocodiles.

Writing

This week we incorporated contractions into our writing as well as wrote about toads, frogs, and other aspects of the books that we read and discussed. There were also many more opportunities to write with 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 read the story of the Good Shepherd from the Bible and learned that Jesus not only forgives us when we sin, but actively seeks to reunite with us! We, also, discussed the importance of having rules, like the Ten Commandments, and how Jesus promises us certain blessings when we live according to God's will, called the Beatitudes. Then, we unpacked each Beatitude, what it means, and how we can practice it in our daily lives.

Science

This week we learned about habitats during our science time. We also started a habitat art and research project in which we will be researching a specific habitat and working with a group to illustrate that habitat. We have also been incubating 20 chicken eggs in the classroom and on Monday we had the opportunity to candle the eggs and see some chick development.

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

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.

Homework (M-TH)

Math- Math Spiral Review #28

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 #28

Religion- Practice Grace Before Meals



ART OPEN HOUSE

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Wednesday, May 8th from 4 to 6 p.m.



OPEN HOUSE DETAILS

Commence at 4 with musical performances by Ms. Wisbey's Middle School Music Improv Group and the Elementary Chorus Club.

Indulge in our reception while admiring over 1200 pieces of art chosen for this year's exhibition.

Engage in our enjoyable family art-making activities and contribute to our local Pediatric Cardiac Care unit with a donation. Our NJHS will oversee the free activities and donations.

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“As my 4th heart surgery approaches later this year, I feel blessed and grateful for the CCS community. THANK YOU, CCS, for supporting Pediatric Cardiology at UVA Health Children's. Your donation helps kids like me live life and DREAM big!” - Olivia

