



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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#### Upcoming Dates:

- **April 29-** Gala Auction
- **May 2-** May Crowning
- **May 5-** Blue & Gold Day
- **May 8-12-** Book Fair
- **May 12-** Grandparents and Great Friends Day
- **May 24-** Field Trip to Wildrock

#### Announcements:

At CCS we honor Mary during May through the ceremony of May Crowning on May 2nd. A selected 8th grader adorns a statue of Mary with a flower crown, recalling that as the Bible tells us, she is the Queen of Heaven and Earth (Revelation 12). The rest of the school presents flowers to her in honor of the life she brought forth into the world through the Holy Spirit. At the beginning of Mass, all students will present flowers to Mary. **Each student is asked to bring in only one (1) long-stemmed flower that morning.** Please join us at Mass on Tuesday, May 2 at 8:15AM for this beautiful celebration.

We are anxiously awaiting the Spring Book Fair! The students love the book fair, and it is a wonderful CCS tradition. Unfortunately, this year we are struggling to secure parent volunteers to make this happen. If we are unable to appropriately staff the book fair, we will unfortunately have to greatly reduce the time offerings for accessibility. Please email Mrs. Furin ([j.furin@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:j.furin@cvillecatholic.org)) and sign up so that our students have this wonderful opportunity.

### Social Studies

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This week we continued to learn about maps. We learned about continents and oceans. We labeled both and added them to our social studies interactive notebook. We then went on a map scavenger hunt where we tried to locate different items on a map of the United States and a map of the world.

## Math

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This week we continued counting mixed coins using our Hairy Money strategy. We also learned that 100 cents equals \$1 and practiced counting coins and seeing if we can exchange them for \$1. Next week we will introduce Financial Literacy as well as vocabulary such as allowance, income, cost, wants, needs, saving, spending, budget, and charity. As part of this unit we will review and practice counting money and solving money-related problems as well.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### Reading

This week we read several books about frogs in order to explore Author's Purpose (i.e., **P**ersuade, **I**nform, and **E**ntertain). 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

## Religion

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This week we finished learning about Jesus' Baptism. We completed comprehension questions, a story sort, and compared how Jesus and John were similar and different. Next week we will start learning about the Rosary. We will make a Rosary to use on Wednesday when we pray as a school. We will also participate in the May Crowning.

## Science

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This week we continued learning about different habitats.

## Other Information

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

## **Specials Schedule**

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

Thursday- Music    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.

## **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, weather permitting, for  
morning recess, lunch recess, and snack as much as we can.

## **Homework (M-Th)**


**For the week of: 5/1-5/5**

**Math**- Math Spiral Review 13

**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. January books = Snowflakes). 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.

**ELA**- ELA Spiral Review 13

**Religion**- Kindness BINGO (optional)



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIR!**  
*SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!*

Dear Parents and Families,

I'm pleased to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which will take place from May 8-12, 8:00-3:00 (Wed until 5:00) at the Performance Space.

The return of the Book Fair will be a familiar and welcome celebration. Volunteers are crucial to the success of this event. We hope that you can offer your time and talents to help students discover the power of books to bring us together.

If you're available to help us with our upcoming Book Fair, please contact me. I'd be grateful if you'd let me know which Fair activities interest you as a volunteer. We need volunteers to help with:

- Advertising
- Decorating
- Setting up the Fair
- Helping shoppers at the Fair
- Cashiering
- Packing up the Fair
- Special events

Thanks for considering becoming a volunteer! I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,

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