



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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#### Upcoming Dates:

- **May 14** - May Crowning Mass
- **May 16** - MAP Testing (Reading)
- **May 20** - MAP Testing (Math)
- **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:

### Social Studies

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We learned about United States symbols during our social studies time. We gained background knowledge on the American Flag, the bald eagle, the White House, and the Liberty Bell just to name a few. We then took an interactive field trip around Washington D.C. and created posters of our favorite symbol.

### Math

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This week we continued our unit on graphing and data. We learned about vertical and horizontal bar graphs and practiced reading, creating, and answering questions based on the data. Next week we will finish our unit with a cumulative project in which we will create a question, survey the class to collect data and construct different graphs and questions based

on the data that we collected.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### Reading

This week we read the book *Alligator and Crocodiles* as well other nonfiction related books as part of a research unit. We used reading comprehension strategies, examined nonfiction text structures, and practiced with synonyms and antonyms to determine facts and figure out hard words. Next week we will read the book, *Jabari Jumps*, and practice synthesizing, or putting together all of the information that we will learn and/or acquire throughout the reading and discussions.

### Grammar

This week we did not address a new grammar skill. Instead, we conducted research and completed a research project during class time on alligators and crocodiles. Next week we will practice with possessive nouns (Jabari's bike = the bike that belongs to Jabari) and differentiate between plural nouns (bikes).

### Writing

This week we wrote about alligators and crocodiles for our research projects as well as other aspects of the books that we read and discussed (e.g., new reading strategies that were introduced). 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

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In Theology, we continued our celebration of the month of our Blessed Mother by writing acrostic poems to honor her and completing a collaborative poster of the Hail Mary. We, also, completed our unit on God's laws and mercy, which included a study of the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, sin and forgiveness, and the story of the Good Shepherd.

## Science

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This week we watched in awe as our chicks hatched out of the eggs we have been incubating for the past 21 days. We welcomed 8 chicks on Monday and Tuesday. We got to see them hatch in the incubator and got to pet them when they were moved once they dried.

## Other Information

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### **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 #30

**Reading**- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night.  
FOR FUN! Reading May Challenge :) See how many you can complete.

**ELA**- ELA Spiral Review #30

**Religion**- Practice Grace Before Meals