



**Charlottesville
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Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **May 19 & May 22-** MAP Testing (First Grade)
- **May 24-** Field Trip to Wildrock

Announcements:

Spring Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing will take place during the weeks of May 15th and 22nd. All testing will begin at 8:15AM. In order for us to gather accurate data on your child's progress, it is vital that students arrive at school on time, rested, and fed. Please do not schedule appointments for your child that may interfere with their testing time. While make-ups are available, students tend to not perform as well when they are not in the full session with their classmates. We appreciate your help with this. Data collected helps us make informative instructional decisions.

Social Studies

We will focus on social studies during our math time by learning about needs and wants, goods and services, and spending vs saving.

Math

This week we worked on reviewing math concepts that we have learned this year. Next week we will introduce Financial Literacy as well as vocabulary such as allowance, income, cost, wants, needs, saving, spending, budget, and charity.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we continued to 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 on reviewing grammar concepts that we have learned so far this year. Next week we will not be addressing a new grammar skill. Instead, we will continue 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

This week we continued working on the Rosary. We also made a May Crowning craft to display in the hallway. We met with our Faith Buddies during our Mass time and made Mother's Day cards as well as had time to play together on the playground. Next week we will participate in the Wednesday Rosary as well as learn about the 10 commandments.

Science

This week we completed a habitat project. The glass was broken up into 4 groups: The Woodlands, The Ocean, The Rainforest, and The Desert. As a group they were given a large piece of paper and an I-pad. They then used the Epic! App to research their habitat and make their paper into their assigned habitat.

Other Information

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: 5/15-5/19

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)