



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

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## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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#### Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Wednesday, May 21** - First Grade Poetry Cafe, 2:00pm, Performance Space
- **Friday, May 23** - Field Day, 11:30am Dismissal, *see information below!*
- **Monday, May 26** - No School, Memorial Day
- **Friday, May 30** - Game Day - students may bring in a board or card game to share with friends
- **Monday, June 2** - Beach Day - students may bring a beach towel to school
- **Tuesday, June 3** - Last Day of School, 11:30am dismissal, Blue & Gold Day

#### School Announcements:

From the Library: Thank you so much to all who helped with our Book Fair! I truly appreciate each one of you. Just a reminder that this is the last week for book check-outs and **ALL** books are due back to the library **NEXT WEEK**. Thank you again for a wonderful year!

JK-7th Grade Field Day is quickly approaching! On Friday, May 23, Ms. Varney will need 40-50 volunteers to make this event special for the kids. Field Day runs from 8AM-11:30AM, and we will need some early morning volunteers to show up at 7AM to help get things set up. Please see the [Sign Up Genius linked here](#) if you can help.

#### Field Day Information

Field Day for JK-7th grade is Friday, May 23. It is an 11:30AM dismissal day for students - JK Extended Day and STEAM Aftercare will both be in session.

Please read the following information carefully and ensure that your children come to school fully prepared.

All essential items needed this day (with a few rules):

- Bathing suits are not required; if worn, they must be covered by shorts and a t-shirt at all times. Students must be able to independently remove their bathing suits and put them back on to use the restroom. Swim trunks are fine but t-shirts are to remain on.
- Appropriate closed-toed shoes; sneakers are preferred (NO Crocs, flip flops, or sandals)
- Sunscreen, sunscreen, sunscreen! Sunscreen MUST be applied at home, as we cannot apply it to students at school
- Comfortable loose fitting athletic attire that meets dress code requirements
- A FULL change of clothes (including socks) should be brought to school in a PLASTIC BAG so that students can use the bag to carry wet clothing home
- Hats are acceptable on this day as they provide sun blockage
- No sunglasses (unless prescription)
- LABELED Water Bottle (it is very important that we stay hydrated on this day)
- Towel

In the event that it rains on May 23, Field Day will be canceled and we will have a normal school day (the 11:30AM dismissal will remain); students will need to wear their regular uniforms. You will receive notification from Mrs. Fallica on Thursday night/Friday morning if the decision to cancel needs to be made.

## Teacher Announcements:

### **First Grade Poetry Cafe, May 21, 2:00pm**

Please join us in the Performance Space as your first grade poets share the poems they've written during our poetry unit. Families are welcome!

## Social Studies

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This week we began talking about American Symbols. We learned what a symbol is, made a folder to collect our learning and learned about the American Flag, the Star Spangled Banner, and the Pledge of Allegiance. Next week we will continue with some more symbols.

## Math

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This week we started our unit on time. We learned about how many hours are in a day, how to use a calendar, we sorted things that we do in the AM and PM and learned about the clock parts. We also reviewed telling time to the hour. Next week we will continue our unit on time.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### Reading

This week we read the book, *Jabari Jumps*, and practiced synthesizing, or putting together all of the information that we learned and/or acquired throughout the readings and discussions. We discussed how using information that we may already have about a topic can help us to make connections to a text that we are reading. We then inferred, gathered additional information as we read, watched characters change, and ultimately synthesized and put everything together. As we followed this process we found our own thinking changed as new details emerged and became clearer.

### Grammar

This week we practiced with possessive nouns (Jabari's bike = the bike that belongs to Jabari) and differentiated between plural nouns (bikes).

### Writing

This week we wrote in conjunction with our reading skill of the week, synthesizing. After reading our main book as well as other texts, we synthesized our thoughts and wrote about characters in stories and details found in nonfiction readers. We also incorporated possessive nouns into our writing as we completed graphic organizers and various writing activities that asked us to "Put it all together." 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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This week we wrapped up our unit on prayer by talking about the Glory Be prayer and how it is a prayer to the Holy Trinity. We, also, took an assessment on our prayer unit using pages from our Christ in Us textbooks.

## Science

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We focused on social studies this week :)

## Other Information

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### **Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:30)**

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 - Library & Music   Tuesday - Library & Mass   Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday- Art   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)**

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!