

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

05/17/24

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing

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Please see the last page of the newsletter for important Field Day information.

Social Studies

This week students will learn the meaning of direct democracy and what life was like in Ancient Greece. They will learn about the Trireme in the Greek Fleet and farming using terraces.

- A Study Guide will be sent home in their Friday Folder. The Unit Test on Greece will be on Tuesday, May 21st.

Next week students will learn about the written language, inventions, and government of Ancient Rome.

Math

This week students will review the distributive property of multiplication and learn how to use the associative property of multiplication. They will be introduced to comparing fractions.

Next week students will learn about equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions, and fractions on a number line.

- **Map Math Testing: Wednesday, May 22nd at 8:15am**
- MATH WEBSITES:
www.studyisland.com - use student username and password to access Study Island.
www.mathsisfun.com - for increasing addition/subtraction fluency and accuracy.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We wrapped up our poetry unit by sharing some of our own poetry works, as well as completing some further review of figurative language. We also began a novel study on the book, *The Boxcar Children*. Students are reading and working through activities that address comprehension skills, vocabulary, and story elements. We will continue to read and discuss this book over the next couple of weeks.

Next Week:

-Grammar:

-*Mentor Sentence*: (Focus: **Prepositional Phrases, Personification**) - Quiz - Wed **5/29**

portal.learningally.org, [Dandelions Read Aloud](#))

Mares-tail clouds waved in the sky, and the grass sang around us.

-Old: Word Study (Spelling): Other Final Stable Syllables (-ture, -sure, -sion, -tion, -ion) - Quiz - Thurs **5/23**

-New: Word Study (Spelling): No New Words

-Featured Story: *No featured story this week. Instead, we will continue our Novel Study on The Boxcar Children - Test - Fri 5/31 (Students will have their Google Slides Worksheets to review)*

Learning Ally The Novel (*The Boxcar Children*) is available here and can be accessed at home to support your child's needs (e.g., catch up because of an absence/missed time). However, your child should not read ahead. Please reach out if there are any questions about reading expectations.

-portal.learningally.org - An online library resource with Read Aloud/Audiobook options, similar to Epic, but can be accessed at home at no additional cost to you.

Username - For example - t.little@cvillecatholic.org or ti.little@cvillecatholic.org (Student email)

Password - For example - catholic1234 (catholic + last 4 of Student ID)

Theology

This Week:

We completed our Christ In Us workbook (Unit 3, Lesson 15 - What turns us toward God's love?).

Next Week:

We will continue to pray the rosary weekly (Thursdays at 8:15) in honor of May being the month devoted to Mary. We will also complete the next lesson from our Theology of the Body curriculum (Focus: Original Solitude, Part 1) and continue to work through our Christ In Us workbook (Reviewing Unit 3 - Students will receive a Study Guide). **Test - Thurs 5/23.**

Science

This week students will learn about mixtures and solutions and the difference between physical and chemical changes in matter.

Next week students will investigate physical and chemical change through our Oobleck experiment using the scientific method.

- A Study Guide will be in their Friday Folder on Matter. The Test will be on May 23rd.

Field Day 2024 JK-6th

FIELD DAY THEME = “Fun, Friends, and Farewells”

It is important our kids know this theme for the day, please alert them. Fun = a good time spent with our peers away from the classroom. Friends = celebrating the relationships we've made this year and enjoying them. Farewells = having FUN with our FRIENDS one last time together this year - Have a FUN summer and to all of our FRIENDS at CCS - FAREWELL!

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to be offering this again and can't wait to see all the students and volunteers. Please read ahead to get a quick note on what is required of your students on field day. All other notes regarding field day activities and movement patterns will be answered and addressed by reviewing the remaining parts of your packet. Please read ALL THE WAY THROUGH. All activities this day will involve lots of movement and lots of water. Given the duration of the day, it is extremely important to have a few items accompanied by each student. Please see the list below. I do though need to stress that students must have a labeled water bottle.

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 tee shirt at all times. Swim trunks are fine but shirt tops are to remain on.
- Appropriate closed-toed shoes – sneakers are preferred (no Crocs, flip flops, or sandals)
- Sunscreen, Sunscreen, and 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 change of clothes, FULL set of clothes, and change of shoes, socks too!
- Hats are acceptable on this day as they provide sun blockage
- No sunglasses (Unless prescription)
- LABELED Water Bottle (super important we stay hydrated on this day.)
- Towel (1 should be ok, as heat should dry towels quickly)
- Snack

The field day time frame is 8:30 - 11:00 am. We will have 15 groups rotating through 12 stations (roughly 12 minutes a station.) As the primary field day activities conclude, the schedule will allow for changing time, cleaning time, and pack up time to be dismissed by 11:30. This means that all classes will go back to their classrooms to cool off, snack if necessary, and prepare to go home for the long weekend. (no school lunch/HALF DAY)

It will be a fun day your students won't soon forget, so be sure to rest up Thursday night!!! Thank you so much for your help ensuring your students have what they need on this day. We are looking forward to a wonderful day!

Mr. Frazier