



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

May 17, 2024

Dear 4th Grade Families,

What a fantastic week we've had! Our hearts were filled with joy and reverence during the beautiful May Crowning Mass in honor of our Mother Mary. The students' participation was heartfelt and truly special. This week we knocked out our last MAP Reading test of the year. Our MAP Math test will be Wednesday, May 22nd. As we look forward to next week, excitement is in the air for our upcoming field day. The students have earned a fun-filled day of activities and friendly competition. Plus, we'll all be enjoying a well-deserved long weekend. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. It's a pleasure to witness the growth and enthusiasm of our 4th graders every day.

God bless,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

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

Important Dates

- Wednesday, May 15- MAP Reading Test
- Wednesday, May 22- MAP Math Test
- Friday, May 24- JK-7 Field Day
- Friday, May 24- 11:30 Dismissal
- Monday, May 27- School Closed (Memorial Day)
- Wednesday, June 5- Last Day of School/End of Year Awards Ceremony/Blue and Gold Day
- Wednesday, June 5- 11:30 Dismissal

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students continued our last chapter which focuses on Virginia history throughout the last century. We are covering a variety of topics such as World War I & II, technological changes, the Civil Rights movement, and more!

Next week, we will continue this chapter.

Science

This week in Science, we concluded our engaging unit on the Water Cycle. The students have gained a solid understanding of the processes that keep water moving around our planet. Now, we're turning our attention to the vast wonders of space as we begin our study of the planets and other objects in space. We're eager to explore the relationships between the sun, moon, and earth, and understand how objects move within our solar system. Our journey will also take us to learn about asteroids, comets, and constellations, enriching our view of the night sky.

The Ch. 10 Test is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29.

Solar System Projects will be due at the end of class on Thursday, May 30 (Students are given 2 weeks to complete this group project. This will be both an in and out of class project with specific times carved out of our science class to work on it).

Math

In Math, we continued Unit 14 and had a lot of fun learning how to classify quadrilaterals and triangles by their sides and angles. The students also explored line symmetry and how to identify symmetrical shapes. We're on track to finish our Math curriculum for the year by the end of next week with our Unit 14 test. How exciting!

Our MAP Math test is Wednesday, May 22.

Our Unit 14 Math test is Thursday, May 23.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students continued our last unit which will focus on historical fiction. Students have been placed in book clubs in which they will read a historical fiction book. We will also read *Number the Stars* as a class to go along with what we learn about World War II.

Next week, students will continue to work on the Suitcase Project. This will be the culminating project for Language Arts. It is due on Monday, June 3.

Theology

This week in Theology we focused on different forms of prayer. The students have been writing prayers of various forms and coming to understand the many times and ways we can pray. We also began Unit 4 Lesson 19- "What helps us pray?" This lesson is helping us explore the different ways we can deepen our prayer life and connect more closely with God.

The Unit 4 Lesson 19 Quiz is scheduled for Thursday, May 23.

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