



**Charlottesville
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Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade 5.2.25

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Monday, May 5 - Friday, May 9** - Art Show & Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation Week
- **Tuesday, May 6** - No Mass/No Formal Dress
- **Wednesday, May 7** - Art Show Open House
- **Thursday, May 8** - Reading MAP Test
- **Friday, May 9** - Grandparents & Great Friends Day - please read below!
- **Thursday, May 14** - Math MAP Test
- **Wednesday, May 21** - First Grade Poetry Cafe, 2:00pm, Performance Space
- **Friday, May 23** - Field Day, 11:30am Dismissal
- **Monday, May 26** - No School, Memorial Day
- **Tuesday, June 3** - Last Day of School, 11:30am dismissal, Blue & Gold Day

School Announcements:

Spring MAP Growth Assessments will be taken on Thursday, May 8 (reading) and Wednesday, May 14 (math). All students in grades 1-8 will take their assessments at the same time, starting at 8:30AM both days. In order for students to be prepared to do their best, they should be well-rested, have a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time. Outside appointments that require a late arrival or pick-up before 11AM should be avoided.

A Message From the PTO: Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 5-9. Please help us celebrate our incredible staff at CCS!

Monday, May 5th: Wall of Appreciation - Please send in your sunshine shout-outs to the staff. This was sent home with the students.

Tuesday, May 6th: The PTO will treat the staff with coffee and donuts on this day.

Wednesday, May 7th: Parent volunteers will visit each classroom to distribute treats from the "treat cart". You can sign up to donate \$5 to fill the treat cart on the SignUp Genius below.

Thursday, May 8th: The PTO will provide Sticks for lunch. We need volunteers for recess/lunch duty as well as seltzer water and desserts. Please consider volunteering to make this day a success.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A44A5A62BA0F85-56351033-appreciation>

Friday, May 9th: Please send in a card from your child/family to their homeroom teacher along with any other staff member!

We are still in need of volunteers to help with putting up the Art Show this weekend, as well as volunteers to staff the Book Fair next week. Please see the Sign Up Geniuses below:

- [Art Show Volunteers](#)
- [Book Fair Volunteers](#)

Our annual May Crowning will be held on Tuesday, May 13 during Mass. At the beginning of Mass, all students will present flowers to Mary. **Each student is asked to bring in one (1) long-stemmed flower that morning.**

Our annual Grandparents and Great Friends Day will be held on Friday, May 9, 2025. Students in JK-5th grade are encouraged to invite their grandparents or another special visitor to join them at school that day. There will be 2 sessions for visits–JK through 2nd grade at 8:45AM (check-in from 8:30AM-8:45AM), and 3rd through 5th grades at 10:45AM (check-in between 10:30AM and 10:45AM). Those visiting multiple students are welcome to attend both sessions. [Please fill out this RSVP form](#) no later than Monday, May 5 so that we can properly plan for the day.

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

We focused on science this week.

Math

This week we practiced identifying and sorting money and used a strategy to help students count money called Hairy Money. Next week we will continue reviewing money (penny, nickel, dime, and quarter) as well as introducing Financial Literacy. New vocabulary will include allowance, income, cost, wants, needs, saving, spending, budget, and charity.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we 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 with contractions. These are words that are made by combining two words with an apostrophe such as don't (do not) and I'm (I am). Next week we will not be addressing a new grammar skill. Instead, we will be 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.

Theology

This week we learned that the liturgical season of Easter lasts 50 days! We, also, read the story of the Road to Emmaus from the Bible and learned that Jesus stayed on the earth for 40 days after the Resurrection helping prepare His Apostles to spread the Gospel.

Science

This week we had the opportunity to use the iPads to research our assigned habitat and write, draw or color some "notes" to help us with our big habitat projects. Groups also started sketching and tracing our habitat project. Next week we will finish our habitat projects.

Other Information

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!

EVENT SCHEDULE

MAY
5-9

05

MAY, 2025

**ART SHOW AND
BOOK FAIR OPEN
TO STUDENTS**

07

MAY, 2025

**ART SHOW OPEN
HOUSE**

REFRESHMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND
BOOK FAIR EXTENDED HOURS

04-06 PM

09

MAY, 2025

**GRANDPARENTS
DAY**

LAST DAY FOR BOOK FAIR,
SEE TELLER FOR DETAILS