

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 5/20/2022

Teacher's Message/Announcements

8 ½ More Days to Go!

All CCS Library Books are due back to the library on Monday

Teacher Emails

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Monday, May 23rd** - Performance Series Testing - First Grade
- **Wednesday, May 25th** - Performance Series Testing - First Grade
- **Friday, May 27th**
 - Mass - 8:15 (Please wear formal dress uniform-pants must be worn with the dress uniform even in spring)
 - Mass live-stream link: <https://stream.cvillecatholic.org>
- **Monday, May 30th** - School Closed - Memorial Day

Curriculum

Math

This week we worked on 2-digit addition within 100 (i.e., 21+7 and 46+32) and targeted the following vocabulary words: sum, add, plus sign, part, whole, and compose. Next week we will continue practicing these skills. We will also be conducting end of the year math assessments including Performance Series and a cumulative math benchmark assessment.

Reading and Language Arts

Reading

This week we read and discussed the book *Chicks and Salsa*, focused on Character Traits, and differentiated between a character's feelings and traits. We also analyzed characters' actions and practiced reading comprehension strategies such as underlining and highlighting evidence found in fiction and nonfiction texts to support main ideas and record important information. Next week we will continue practicing these skills. We will also be conducting end of the year reading assessments including Performance Series, Dibels, and High Frequency Words.

Grammar

This week we focused on Homophones, which are words that sound the same but have a different meaning, origin, or spelling (i.e., new and knew). Next week we will continue looking at homophones as well as reviewing past skills.

Word Study/Spelling

We studied words with the /ou/ sound which can be spelled with an ou (out) and ow (how), as well as the ow spelling that makes the long o sound (show) and oddballs (through and rough). The generalizations/rules for this sound are very similar to last week's /aw/ sound, where the ou spelling pattern is typically found in the beginning and the middle of a word and the ow spelling pattern is typically found at the end of words. However, when followed by an l and n only, the /ou/ sound found in the middle of the word will be spelled with an ow (owl and town). There will be a new sort assigned next week.

Writing

This week we wrote in conjunction with our reading and grammar skills of the week: character traits, finding evidence, and homophones. There were also many more opportunities to write with sentence dictation, spelling, written responses in social studies 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 worked in our Catholic Reflections Workbook while Mr. Jones covered for Mrs. Milnor. Next week we will talk about First Holy Communion, Heaven and the Kingdom of God.

Science/ Social Studies

We continued looking at various maps and practicing our map skills. We also studied the state of Virginia, exploring various state-related details and characteristics. Next week we will continue our research and practicing with maps.

Homework

For the week of: 5/23-5/27

Math - 3rd Quarter Week 9 Math Sheet - Complete All Activities (**M - Th**).

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. May books = Flowers). 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.

Word Study/Spelling - Students should sort their Word Study/Spelling words each night as well as work on **3** activities total of their choosing from the Weekly Spelling Menu (**M - Th**, 10 min./night).

Religion - Practice 1 prayer per night.

Notes From the Classroom

Formal Dress for Mass Continues

While Spring Dress is now allowed through the end of the school year, students must continue to be in formal dress for all Mass days.

Spring Dress began Monday, April 25th

Boys and Girls

- Yellow crested polo for K-2 (FlynnO'Hara only)
- Navy shorts or pants (Land's End or FlynnO'Hara)
 - Brown, black, navy, or CCS belts are optional for K-2, but required for 3-5
 - White, navy, black ankle or crew socks (small logo is acceptable, but stripes and designs are not)

Girls

- Plaid jumper (FlynnO'Hara only)
 - solid dark shorts must be worn underneath
 - white peter pan collared shirt (FlynnO'Hara only)
 - white, navy, black ankle or folded down crew socks (summer dress only)
 - navy knee socks (no white or black knee socks)

Shoes

- **Boys**
 - solid black mocs
 - black tennis shoes - a touch of white is permissible, but no other colors, patterns, or lights
- **Girls**
 - solid black mocs or Mary Janes
 - black tennis shoes - a touch of white is permissible, but no other colors, patterns, or lights

Outside for Snack, Lunch, and Recess

Please be mindful of the colder mornings and some cooler days that we might get this spring. Bringing sweatshirts and sweaters will still be a good idea since we will continue to go outside for snack, lunch, and recess. Inside the school can sometimes feel a bit chilly as well. And if need be, your child can still bring coats, hats, and gloves with them to school. Ladies should not have bare legs when the temperature is below freezing. Please make sure they wear tights or leggings under their jumpers.

Snack (9:00)/ Lunch(11:50)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Just as a reminder we cannot give out food or plastic utensils to children this year. Also, please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Both First Grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. ***Please make sure that water bottles only contain water. We have had a few juice/ sports drink spills and they become rather messy.***

Masks and Water Bottles

We cannot give out extra masks to students. Please make sure to pack an extra mask or two in your child's bag. Also, please make sure that students are bringing a water bottle to school daily. We do not have disposable water bottles at school for the students to have.

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library Tuesday - Art Wednesday - Art and Music

CCS School Calendar (December 2021 - June 2022)

[CCS School Calendar December 2021-June 2022](#)

We have several major CCS events missing from the calendar such as Grandparents and Great Friends Day, Field Day, the Art Show, and our Read-A-Thon. These events must remain fluid due to ongoing COVID 19 restrictions.

Dress Uniform

Boys - Blue pants (no shorts), 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.

Blue & Gold Days (Not Every Monday)

Please check the calendar above for designated Blue & Gold Days. There has been some confusion about this.

Monthly Scholastic Book Orders

<https://clubs.scholastic.com>

Mrs. Milnor - LKHF3

Mr. Little - JBPQ2