



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

5/23/25

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2024-2025**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iA_D6OGjSil0tg_BxrvY2PTGValHFNhR/view?usp=drive_link

Calendar/Important Dates

- Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day (School Closed)
- Tuesday, May 27 - 8:15 AM Mass (Last of the year - Students must be in formal dress)
- Tuesday, June 3 - Last Day of School for 1st-7th graders
 - Blue & Gold Day
 - End of Year Awards Ceremony
 - 11:30 Dismissal (STEAM Aftercare will **Not** be offered)
- Friday, June 6 - 4th Quarter Report Cards available on FACTS

Teacher email addresses

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Social Studies

This Week: Students will learn about the significant contributions to society in terms of architecture and government of Ancient Rome.

Next Week: Students will learn about life in Ancient Rome from past to present and begin working on an end of year project.

Math

This Week: Students will review using multiplication properties for their multiplication facts of 7, 8, and 9. They will be introduced to the 11 and 12 multiplication facts.

- This is the last week of math homework.

Next Week: Students will learn strategies to determine the perimeter and area of a polygon. They will also practice their multiplication facts and division facts using their flashcards.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We continued our book clubs (readings and discussions) and 3 paragraph research paper writing assignment this week. We focused primarily on the structure of the introduction (Hook, Connecting Information, and Thesis Statement) and body (Main Idea and Supporting Details) paragraphs. Since this is the most complex writing assignment this year, we are taking it slow and giving students a lot of time with both the research aspects of this assignment and working on the development and execution of their ideas in organized and creative ways.

Next Week:

- Word Study (Spelling): **None**
- Writing/Grammar
 - Skill(s): 3 Paragraph Research Paper (Introduction, Body, and Conclusion)
 - Mentor Text: **None**
 - Mentor Sentence: **None**
- Reading - Book Clubs - Story Elements, Reading Skills and Comprehension

Homework: [Reading Page \(Let's Learn It\)](#) - **None**

Study Resources: ELA Notebook, Reading Notebook, ELAR Folder (Reading Practice Pages)

Theology

This Week:

We continued our Theology of the Body (TOB) Unit this week by utilizing our mentor text, Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, an African Tale, to serve as a key resource and reference point throughout our lessons. We completed our third and fourth lessons focusing on the following themes: Sin Distorts The Gift and Families Are A Gift Of God.

Next Week:

- Rosary - Thursday (Decade 5 of 5)
- Theology of the Body - Lessons 5 and 6 - We will learn about Body-Soul Unity and Gift-of Self (Part 2)
- Hail Holy Queen Prayer (Students have received a copy) - **Recite from Memory - Tuesday, 5/27**

What Is the Theology of the Body?

The Theology of the Body (TOB) refers to the collection of 129 Wednesday Audiences, or short public speeches, given by Pope St. John Paul II during the first five years of his papacy. TOB helps us understand the very foundation of our identity created in God's image as male or female. If you would like to know more, here is a link to the Curriculum that we are using to teach TOB. There you will find an overview and information regarding the types of lessons being taught. I've also attached a copy of the 3rd grade standards that relate to TOB. This can be found on the Diocese website as well.

<https://www.ruahwoodsinsitute.org/downloads/>
<https://discovercatholicschools.org/explore/academics/curriculum/>

Hail Holy Queen Prayer

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

(Amen.)

Add When Praying in a Group

Verse: *Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.*

Response: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.*

Study Resources: Theology Folder, Notebook, Fatima Prayer Copy, Hail Holy Queen Prayer Copy

Science

This Week: Students will learn about the lunar cycle, phases of the moon, lunar and solar eclipses. They will begin a project on identifying the moon phases throughout a 30 day cycle.

Next Week: Students will work on completing their project identifying the phases of the moon's lunar cycle.