



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **May 6-10** - Art Show and Book Fair (**May 8** - Art Show Open House)
- **May 10** - Grandparents & Great Friends Day
- **May 14** - May Crowning Mass
- **May 16** - MAP Testing (Reading)
- **May 18** - MAP Testing (Math)
- **May 24** - Field Day, 11:30am Dismissal
- **May 27** - School Closed, Memorial Day
- **May 31** - 1st Grade Poetry Cafe, 1:00pm in the Performance Space
- **June 3** - Beach Reading Day & Ice Cream Party (more details to come)
- **June 4** - Game Day (more details to come)
- **June 5** - Last Day of School, 11:30am Dismissal

Announcements:

Thank you to all our chaperones and drivers for your help with our field trip to Wildrock on Wednesday! It was beautiful weather combined with fun activities and learning (and even a large black snake sighting!). We couldn't plan these adventures to other locations without the help of parents willing to donate their time. Thank you, thank you!

Save the Date! Our annual Grandparents and Great Friends Day will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024. Students in JK-5th 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 Friday, May 3** so that we can properly plan for the day.

Call for Art Show Volunteers (STUDENT AND PARENT OPPORTUNITIES)

Mrs. Devlin needs help mounting, labeling and hanging student art for our annual All CCS Art Show. Prep work begins now and the show will be hung Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th, The Open House will take place after school Wednesday, May 8th. Food and Beverages will be needed. Please see the SignUp Genius linked here to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA9A82BA46-49042420-2024>

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming the Week of May 6-10!! It will be open during your child's usual Library class times, first for creating their Wish List and later for shopping. The Fair will also be open Wednesday evening during the Art Show Open House and Friday morning during Grandparents and Great Friends Day.

You are more than welcome to come and help your child shop, or if you would prefer to have your child shop on their own, [you may set up an e-wallet](#) for them. Details will be on the Scholastic Flyer that goes home next week. Scholastic also takes credit cards, checks and cash.

Please consider signing up to help with the book fair. We need lots of hands to help make this event a success! [Visit the Sign Up Genius here for available slots.](#)

From the PTO Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10. Please help us celebrate our incredible staff at CCS!

Monday- The PTO will stock the teachers' lounge with goodies

Tuesday-Wall of Appreciation- Please send in your "donut" with shoutouts to the staff. This was sent home with students. The staff will be treated to coffee and donuts on this day.

Wednesday - The PTO will provide Sticks for lunch. We still need volunteers for recess/lunch duty. Please consider volunteering to make this day a success.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C48AEAA2AA0F58-49164722-teacherfaculty#/>

Thursday - The PTO will provide a small token of appreciation

Friday- Please send in a card from your child/family to their homeroom teacher along with any other staff member!

Social Studies

We focused on science this week.

Math

This week we continued our unit on graphing and data. We continue to use tally marks to help us organize our data and answer questions about the data that we have collected. This week we introduced pictographs and how we can use symbols or pictures to represent our collected data. Next week we will continue our unit.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read the book *Alligator and Crocodiles* as well other nonfiction related books as

part of a research unit. We used reading comprehension strategies, examined nonfiction text structures, and practiced with synonyms and antonyms to determine facts and figure out hard words. Next week we will continue to work on the book *Alligator and Crocodiles*.

Grammar

This week we did not address a new grammar skill. Instead, we conducted research and completed a research project during class time on alligators and crocodiles. Next week we will continue researching.

Writing

This week we wrote about alligators and crocodiles for our research projects as well as other aspects of the books that we read and discussed (e.g., new reading strategies that were introduced). 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

In Theology, we learned that May is the month of Our Blessed Mother. To celebrate, CCS is saying a decade of the rosary each Thursday morning together on the blacktop and we spent time in the chapel practicing a decade of the rosary together in preparation. We, also, talked about the May virtue of the month, Leader, and how St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order, is an example of leadership in our church.

Science

This week we learned about habitats during our science time. This week we finished our habitat drawings and got to learn more about habitats on our field trip to Wildrock. Our chicken eggs are nearing the end of the incubation and we are getting ready for our hatch day!

Other Information

Colder Weather is still here!

Please make sure that your child brings something warm and long sleeve to school each day (e.g., jacket, sweatshirt, sweater). We will continue to go outside and even though the temps get warm in the afternoon it is quite chilly in the morning.

Summer Dress

Shorts and ankle socks are back! Please have your child try on their uniform shorts to make sure that they fit, and place orders soon, as FlynnO'Hara has been running into distribution and shipping delays.

Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)

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 - Art and Music Tuesday - Library & Mass Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Library 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)

Math- Math Spiral Review #29

Reading- Read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night.
FOR FUN! Reading May Challenge :) See how many you can complete.

ELA- ELA Spiral Review #29

Religion- Practice Grace Before Meals



ART OPEN HOUSE

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Wednesday, May 8th from 4 to 6 p.m.



OPEN HOUSE DETAILS

Commence at 4 with musical performances by Ms. Wisbey's Middle School Music Improv Group and the Elementary Chorus Club.

Indulge in our reception while admiring over 1200 pieces of art chosen for this year's exhibition.

Engage in our enjoyable family art-making activities and contribute to our local Pediatric Cardiac Care unit with a donation. Our NJHS will oversee the free activities and donations.

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“As my 4th heart surgery approaches later this year, I feel blessed and grateful for the CCS community. THANK YOU, CCS, for supporting Pediatric Cardiology at UVA Health Children's. Your donation helps kids like me live life and DREAM big!” - Olivia

