

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

4th Grade May 3, 2024

Dear 4th Grade Families,

Welcome to the latest edition of our 4th grade newsletter, where the excitement of the week meets learning and adventure. We're thrilled to share all of the amazing happenings from inside (and out) of our classrooms with you. It has been an action-packed week, and we are surely looking forward to our art show, book fair, and grandparents & great friends days next week. A very special thank you to those of you who made our field trip to the science museum possible! We appreciate your time and support.

> God bless, 4th Grade Team

Announcements

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

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!

- Tuesday, May 7- No Mass (No formal dress)
- Tuesday, May 14- May Crowning
- Wednesday, May 15- MAP Reading Test
- Wednesday, May 22- MAP Math Test

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students became reporters and chose an event that we have covered throughout the last few units to research and write a newspaper article about! Students learned the different parts of a newspaper and continued to learn how to research effectively. We had a lot of fun with the research and writing of this assignment!

Next week, students will begin a new chapter which focuses on Virginia history throughout the last century.

Science

This week in Science, we have been focused on writing and illustrating our water cycle narratives- "My Life as a Drip". Each child crafted their own unique story, following the adventures of a water droplet as it journeyed through the water cycle. These writings brought the water cycle to life in imaginative and inventive ways! We continued through Ch. 9 with Ch. 9 Lesson 3- "How Do Land Features Affect the Water Cycle?" Next week we will learn about how weather can be predicted.

Our Ch. 9 test is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th.

Math

These mathematicians have been hard at work, exploring concepts of measurement, data representation, and geometry. In Unit 13 we conquered the concepts of area and perimeter, mastered the art of creating and interpreting line plots, and sharpened our skills in converting between customary and metric units. We began Unit 14. We are diving into the world of geometry, where we're exploring the differences between lines, line segments, and rays. We're sharpening our critical thinking skills by classifying angles and understanding their properties.

Next week we will continue Unit 14- "Geometric Figures."

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, we finished our novel *Some Places More Than Others*. This is a beautiful story about family and identity. Along with this novel study, students are also continuing to write essays about a variety of topics.

Next week, students will begin work on the Suitcase Project. This will be the culminating project for Language Arts. Information about this project will be in Reading Google Classroom on Monday. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Theology

This week in Theology we began Unit 4 Lesson 17- "Why do we pray?" We explored themes such as who guides us in prayer, humility in prayer, and how our Christian living and holiness is guided by prayer. We explored Luke 18:10-13- the story of "The Pharisee and the Tax Collector" to better understand what it means to be humble. The kids enjoyed coming up with skits and devising modern day examples of what it looks like to have a humble heart.

Our Unit 4 Lesson 17 quiz is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9th.



ART OPEN HOUSE

Charlottesville Catholic School 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.

"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



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