



**Charlottesville
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Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade 5.9.25

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, May 13** - May Crowning Mass, please bring in one (1) long-stemmed flower
- **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
- **Friday, May 30** - Game Day - students may bring in a board or card game to share with friends
- **Monday, June 2** - Beach Day - students may bring a beach towel to school
- **Tuesday, June 3** - Last Day of School, 11:30am dismissal, Blue & Gold Day

School Announcements:

Spring MAP Growth Assessments for math will be taken Wednesday, May 14. 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.

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.**

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

This week we reviewed what a want/ need is from kindergarten. We also talked about spending, saving, earning and giving.

Math

This week we finished our unit on money. Next week we will begin our unit on time.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read the book *Alligator and Crocodiles* as well as 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 conducted research and started 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 was a very special week in theology! We learned about the conclave and how a new pope is chosen. Then, we watched the process unfold on Thursday as Pope Leo XIV became the new Holy Father. So exciting! In addition, we talked about how May is the month when we celebrate our mothers, including our Blessed Mother in heaven. Then, we wrote acrostic poetry to honor St. Mary and display on our hallway bulletin board.

Science

This week we finished our science unit on habitats and all groups finished their habitat posters. Be on the lookout for an email with pictures :)

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!