



**Charlottesville
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Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

First Grade

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Upcoming Dates:

- **Tuesday, August 29-** Mass 8:15 (All students must be in formal dress)
- **Wednesday, August 30-** Reading MAP Test
- **Thursday, September 7-** Math MAP Test

Announcements:

We have had a great first week in first grade. Thank you so much for sharing your children with us. We are going to have a fantastic year!

Social Studies

This week we introduced our journal as well as more routines and procedures.

Math

This week we began practicing procedures and routines during math class. Next week we will be focusing on reviewing Kindergarten skills and introducing math games.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we discussed/practiced procedures and routines during language arts/reading time. Next week we will talk about letters (consonants and vowels), parts of a book, author and

illustrator. This week we introduced our journals (writing and word work) as well as more routines and procedures. Next week there will be opportunities for written responses based on our reading and other classroom discussions. There will also be opportunities for students to practice handwriting skills (e.g., letter formation and names), spelling, and word work skills.

Theology

In Theology this week, we read *When God Made You* and talked about how God knew our names before we were born. We used chalk to make name art and followed this lesson up with a conversation on friendship and how to be a good friend. We highlighted how God would want us to treat each other and connected this lesson to Jesus' second greatest commandment - to treat others as we want to be treated. Next week we will prepare for our first Mass of the new school year, review the Sign of the Cross, and practice the Glory Be prayer.

Science

This week we introduced our journal as well as more routines and procedures. Next week we will discuss what a scientist is and we will participate in a "name STEM" challenge.

Other Information

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)

There was no homework this week. Moving forward, weekly homework can be found in student binders. Homework will consist of nightly reading for 15 minutes (suggested) and practice saying prayers for 5 min (suggested). Math, Writing, and Word Study homework may also be assigned nightly for around 5-10 minutes each.

Please, no more than 25 minutes a night. Reading is the MOST important homework and should be done EVERY night!