

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

4th Grade 8/26/2022

Message from 4th grade Team

Hello 4th Grade Parents,

We had an amazing first week of school! We truly enjoyed being able to meet you and your wonderful families at Open House earlier this week. We had a fantastic time getting to know our students and starting our academic year off right throughout this week. Thank you for being a member of the CCS community and please let us know if you have any questions.

All the best,

4th Grade Team

Announcements

- **Please be mindful of absences (appointments, trips, etc).**
- As we have several students with peanut allergies in 4th grade, **we are a peanut free grade level. That includes snacks, lunches, and any other form of food.**
- Although the supply list didn't specifically ask for pencils, students still need to have pencils. Apologies for the inconvenience.
- *Please remember that the only accepted variations of the navy blue uniform pants come from FlynnO'Hara, and Lands End.*
- Contact Emails: a.burgin@cvillecatholic.org a.taleghani@cvillecatholic.org
- 8/30- MAP Test (Math)
- 8/31- MAP Test (Reading)
- 9/1- First Mass (Students must be in formal dress)
- 9/2- Blue and Gold Day
- **9/5- School Closed (Labor Day)**
- 9/6- Back to School Night (Middle School 6th-8th Grade)
- **9/7- Back to School Night (Elementary School JK-5th Grade)**

Next Week

- In Language Arts, students will continue to read engaging stories and also begin spelling and grammar practice.
- In Social Studies, students will continue mapmaking and other engaging activities such as learning about the importance of primary sources.
- In Math, we will be focused on concepts of place value; reading and writing multi-digit numbers, comparing, rounding, and ordering numbers.
- In Science, we will be focused on our “Getting Ready for Science” Chapter, learning all about what it means to be a scientist, make observations, and ask questions that lead to experiments.
- In Religion we will be focused on Unit 1 Lessons 1 & 2 in our textbook. “Who is God” and “The Faith Professed.”

Week in Review

Language Arts

In Language Arts this week, students dove headfirst into learning about growth mindset and reading some inspirational stories such as *The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes* and *Malala's Magic Pencil*. We also did quite a bit of writing about a variety of topics such as growth mindset, summer memories, and several others.

Social Studies

In Social Studies this week, students received an introduction to map making. These amateur cartographers began to create their own islands! This was a fun and engaging activity that will aid in understanding maps and lead us into our first chapter of Virginia history.

Math

In Math this week we created an all about me poster using math facts to describe ourselves. We also began Chapter 1 and have been focused on place value, and reading/writing multi-digit numbers through the hundred thousands place.

Science

In Science this week we had fun with our termite tracker lab to practice being scientists. We also enjoyed our science tool scavenger hunt around the room, and creating a straw model of a building. We have learned and put to practice our inquiry skills and look forward to putting the scientific method to use as we approach daily observations and questions throughout the year. We have officially begun our "Getting Ready for Science" Chapter in our Science Textbook.

Religion

In Religion we had the chance to establish our own set of classroom rules (agreements) and norms. We learned about the revelation of God's love in our lives, and focused on the ways we invite others to get to know each of us, and in doing so created "about me" pendants. We began Unit 1 Lesson 1 in our Religion textbook, and have been focused on sacred scripture and the Gospels.