



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade

9/1/23

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- We are excited to be going on field trips this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. To register for that training, please use the following link: https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?the
- Our third grade classes will be shopping at our class store at the end of this September and they will use their play money to purchase an item. Donations of gently used toys, games, pencil sharpeners, erasers, ect..would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!
- **Approved List of Food Items for School Year 2023-2024**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nRmcw0NIXsa4UXbokX_ZBqj7zkgEXnFS/view?usp=sharing

Calendar/Important Dates

- Monday, **September 4** - Labor Day (School Closed)
- Tuesday **September 5** - Mass
- Wednesday, **September 6** at 8:15 - MAP testing for Math
- Thursday, **September 7** - Back to School Night
 - 6:00 Meet in the Gym
 - 6:20 - Session 1
 - 6:50 - Session 2 (Only for families with multiple children)

Teacher email addresses

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We are excited to announce our fall Archangel Clubs offerings for our students. We hope to see our students engage in these opportunities so that Charlottesville Catholic School can continue to grow its after-school programming. [Click here for more information on current offerings.](#)

Social Studies

This week students are learning the elements of a map, and will be introduced to the seven continents. I will be sending home a Parent Newsletter on our Continents Unit in their Friday Folder.

Next week students will learn how to use the elements on a map and identify the location of our seven continents on a map.

Math

This week we reviewed two digit addition with regrouping, and reviewed place value up to the hundreds place.

Next week we will learn place value up to the ten thousands place, and the three different forms of writing numbers- standard, expanded and word form,

- **Homework** will begin on the week of September 11th. It will be assigned on Monday in their agenda. It will be assigned for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This Week:

We started integrating several activities into our schedule this week that will become routine throughout the year. First, we set up our reading notebook and worked with our first read aloud story, *Picture Day Perfection*. The focus skill was summarizing and looking for key details. We also introduced the Daily 5 schedule and process. Daily 5 is a way of structuring the classroom to allow for small group instruction/remediation as well as independent and partner activities for students to practice previously taught skills.

Next Week:

We will continue to introduce and practice several new activities and routines next week, including our Mentor Sentence (Grammar), and Word Study (Spelling) Skill. Word Study Homework However, will not begin until the week of 9/11. This will allow time for teacher modeling and guided support to prepare students to be able to complete assignments independently at home. Students will also be completing a number of reading and language assessments next week (e.g., Spelling, Oral Reading Fluency, and Comprehension), which will support the data from the MAP testing.

Theology

This Week:

We had our first school-wide mass this week, which was exciting. We also introduced students to their *Christ In Us*, *Writing Our Catholic Faith*, and *Catholic Reflections* workbooks. These three books will be used regularly throughout the year in conjunction with other curriculum resources. We also took a tour of our chapel and discussed how it will be used weekly to help us grow in our faith.

Next Week:

Students will continue to study/learn some of the prayers they are expected to know here at CCS this year such as Glory Be, The Lord's Prayer/Our Father, Hail Mary, Prayer Before Meals, Prayer After Meals, Guardian Angel Prayer, and the St. Michael Prayer. We will also be honoring our Mother Mary, as it is her birthday on September 8th.

Science

This week we explored our science textbook and were introduced to test features, beginning with the Table of Contents and Glossary. Students will also learn about seasons and why they occur throughout the year.

Next week students will review the earth's revolution around the sun and the effect on our seasons. They will also learn how the earth and moon interact.