

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

First Grade 9.13.24

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- Friday, September 20 11:30 Dismissal
- Monday, September 30 CCS Golf Tournament
- Friday, October 4 Blue & Gold Day
- Sunday, October 6 CCS Fall Festival, 2-4pm
- Monday, October 7 No School, Teacher Work Day
- Saturday, October 12 5K & Fun Run
- Friday, October 18 11:30 Dismissal, End of 1st Quarter

School Announcements:

• Join us for an afternoon of family fun and games at the Fall Fest on Sunday afternoon, October 6. CCS Fields will be filled with plenty of fun activities to enjoy with friends and meet new families. Featuring a bounce house, hay ride, traditional fall activities, favorite yard games, some tasty treats and even a chance to dunk some CCS staff, this event should not be missed. <u>Tickets now available</u> for \$5 per person / \$20 per family of 4 or more.

Teacher's Messages/Announcements:

- Please check your student's red folder in their binders this weekend for completed activities they've been working on over the last weeks. Each Friday, we will be sending home any completed work, as well as announcements or other important paperwork, in their red folders.
- Mrs. Mitchell is still looking for K-2 participants in the after-school tap dance club! Each CCS staff-led club will cost \$175.00 per session. The cost will go towards supplies and

compensation for teachers. **The tap dance club will, also, be featured in the drama club's performance of The Wizard on Oz on November 16th!** Please see below for more information.

Please read about the clubs below and contact the instructor if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the classes will be through FACTS.

Tap Dance - Mrs. Mitchell (<u>c.mitchell@cvillecatholic.org</u>) Grades K - 3 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:35 Dates: September 30 October 14, 21, 28 November 4, 11, 18 December 2, 9, 16 This energetic and exciting class is designed to provide young dancers with an introduction to the fundamentals of tap dance. Early exposure to the rhythms and unique mind-to-foot connection associated with tap dance will allow students to progress and excel at the art as they move through life. Students will need tap shoes for the class.

Social Studies

We focused on science this week.

Math

This week we continued to work on our math routines. We also worked on identifying numbers and matching their word form and picture form, as well as subitizing and 10s and 20s frames. Next week we will continue working on number sense.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week we began switching classrooms for our literacy block and spent time establishing the routines and procedures to maximize our learning during this time. We also read the book "How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World" by Marjorie Priceman and learned how settings can change within a story. We, also, identified nouns as a word that names a person, place, thing or animal. Next week, we will read the story "Honey, Honey...Lion!" and work on retelling stories with a beginning, middle and end.

Theology

In Theology this week, we focused on God the Father as the creator of all things good and beautiful. We, also, began our Theology of the Body lessons, which provide an understanding of the human person developed by Pope St. John Paul II. TOB helps students understand that their identity, dignity and worth are first and foremost rooted in the knowledge that they are children of God. I've provided more information in a handout in your student's red folder in their binders. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions in regards to TOB content.

Science

This week we talked about how we will use our science notebook and we started recording information. We sorted if a certain group can be called a tool or a toy and worked on observing the world around us. Next week we will continue with science basics and talk about comparing two items and classifying properties.

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

<u>Boys</u> - Blue pants, white dress shirt, CCS tie/bowtie, black school shoes, and blue or black socks NO white.

<u>Girls</u>- Plaid jumper, solid dark shorts underneath, white peter pan collared shirt, navy knee socks NO white or black knee socks, and black school shoes.

<u>Homework (M-TH)</u>

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 and reading log homework will follow.

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

Sunday October 6 2:00 to 4:00pm

FallFest

Join us for family fun & games

> Bounce house, dunk tank, hayrides, fall activities, lawn games, races, contests, tasty treats & more!

\$5 per person/\$20 max per family

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