

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 9/2/2022

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, September 5th - Labor Day (School Closed)
- September 6th - September 9th - First Grade Assessment Window (Cont.)
 - Spelling Inventory
 - Sight Word Recognition
 - Dibels (Reading)
- Wednesday, September 7th - Back to School Night
 - Parents may attend any one of the 2 elementary sessions
 - 6:30 PM-6:50 PM--1st round of elementary grades (JK-5)
 - 7:00 PM- 7:20 PM-- 2nd round of elementary grades (JK-5)
- Thursday, September 8th - Mass (Students should be in formal dress uniforms)
See below for a breakdown of proper dress uniform

Math

This week we completed our kindergarten review. Next week we will discuss what a mathematician is and how we will all be mathematicians this year. We will also work on what a math tool and what is a toy, as well as how to work with a group.

Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*. We used this story to help teach retelling and other comprehension skills. We also began establishing our Daily 5 Literacy Stations and practicing various activities. Next week we will read the book *How to Make Apple Pie and See the World* by Marjorie Priceman. We will discuss how the setting can change in books, we will also discuss nouns and the -at word family.

Religion

This week we discussed Mass. and had our first all school Mass in the gym! We got to go on a virtual field trip to a church and explored all of the things on the altar and went on scavenger hunt. Next week we will start creating a Prayer lapbook, which will help us in learning prayers such as Our Father, Hail Mary, Grace Before Meals, and Glory Be, as well as other prayer-based activities.

Writing

As part of our Daily 5 Literacy Stations, we introduced/practiced activities that will fall within "Work on Writing." We also responded to the story, *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*. Next week writing in several different forms will continue to be introduced and practiced.

Science/ Social Studies

This week we continued with routines and procedures (e.g., journals, class and school rules, and Pledge of Allegiance). We also learned what science is and what scientists do. Next week we will continue with science and will start learning about matter.

Homework

Our first Weekly Homework page will be included in the binder next week. Homework consisted of reading for 15 min./night and prayers for 5 min (suggested). Please record the title of the book that was read each night (Mon-Thurs). For each completed book, your child will color in their reading log for the month (e.g., September books = apples). There will also be a monthly reading challenge included in the binder. These activities are designed to motivate readers/encourage students to have fun with reading. It's optional, but highly recommended.

Stay Tuned for Math, Writing, and Word Study.

Notes From The Classroom

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 classroom is nut free, so double check labels. Nuts are okay to bring into the cafeteria for lunch time this year!

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library Tuesday - Art and Music Wednesday - P.E. and Art

Thursday-Mass and 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.

Virtus

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. We will be offering a training session at CCS on Monday, September 19 from 5:00-8:00. To register for that training, please use the following link:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0