

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

3rd Grade 9/2/2022

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Please do **not send any nut products this year**, this includes in lunches. Thank you.
- 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
- Ms. Grassi's class needs a room parent, please email me if you are interested.
- Third grade needs paper towels and would appreciate any donations.
- Please make sure you sign up for the 5k and Children's Fun Run.
<https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Charlottesville/CharlottesvilleCatholicSchool20thAnnual5k>
- Important upcoming dates:
 - Sept. 5th- Labor Day - No School
 - Sept. 7th- Elementary Back to School Night
- Contact us:
 - Ms. Grassi - k.grassi-mikell@cvillecatholic.org
 - Mr. Little - t.little@cvillecatholic.org

English Language Arts (ELA)

This Week:

We introduced Nouns and Action Verbs and practiced Short Vowel Blends within our Word Study for the week.

Next Week: Due to the upcoming short week and time needed this week for learning routines and procedures, many of our skills will carry over into next week.

-Daily Grammar Review: Focus: Nouns and Action Verbs

-Word Study: Short Vowel Digraphs (2 Consonants = 1 sound), Affixes: e/es, ed, un, and re, Base Words: Build, Care, Friend, and Fright

-Writing: Summarizing

Homework: Word Study (M-Th) - 10 min.

-Students do not need to turn anything in

Reading

This Week:

Our first "MAP" standardized testing was completed this week for Reading. We will follow this up around mid-year, as well as at the end of the year to measure student progress and growth. We also introduced our focus story for the week, *Picture Day Perfection*, and related vocabulary. We will carry over our discussion of this book and skills into next week.

Next Week:

-Featured Story: Picture Day Perfection by Deborah Diesen
-Focus Skill: Summarizing (i.e., Someone Wanted But So Then)
-Vocabulary: Queasy, Scowl, Fiddled, Muddles, Composed, Tradition, Unearth, Rejoin, Complimentary, Festivities, Monstrous, Disaster, Rumpled, and Pallor

Not Homework but Recommended: Nightly Reading (M-Th) - Approximately 30 min.
-Students should indicate the number of minutes read each night/week in their planner

Religion

This Week:

It was exciting to have our first Mass of the year back in the Gym as a whole school. We also visited the Chapel on Monday for Bible study.

Next Week:

We will be learning about the structure of the mass (e.g., routines, prayers, songs, and mass etiquette and other expectations). Next week's Mass will be streamed into our classrooms instead of the gym. **Formal uniforms still need to be worn though.**

Math

This week we learned the place value forms of writing numbers- standard, expanded and word form as well as, reviewed counting up various denominations of coins.

Next week we will identify ways to represent the same amount of money using different combinations of coins and bills. We will also continue with identifying placement of numbers and identifying their values.

- Students will write their homework assignments and when they are due in their agenda.
* * Parents please read the agenda and initial under Monday. Thank you.

Science

This week we will be introduced to identifying characteristics of living and nonliving things in an ecosystem and learning the steps of the scientific method.

Next week students will learn about animal habits and be introduced to the vocabulary, as well as continue to learn the steps of the scientific method.

Social Studies

This week students will be introduced to maps and identify the parts of a map.

Next week students will continue to learn about maps and we will review the continents and their locations.