

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

4th Grade 9/2/2022

Message from 4th grade Team

Hello 4th Grade Parents,

It was an action-packed second week of school between MAP testing, a full week of lunch, recess, special, and homework routines, and taking a dive into our curriculum. We are proud to see the students adapting to our expectations and look forward to watching them grow throughout the course of the year. We are fine-tuning our skills in self discipline and shaping our work habits each and every day. We look forward to seeing you all at back to school night next week.

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.*
- If you are interested in signing up for the annual 5k/Fun Run, please visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Charlottesville/CharlottesvilleCatholicSchool20thAnnual5k> If you are interested in putting together a foursome for the run, contact Colleen Smith at c.smith@cvillecatholic.org.
- Contact Emails: a.burgin@cvillecatholic.org a.taleghani@cvillecatholic.org
- **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)**

- **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

Next Week

- In Language Arts, students will begin our first novel, *Holy Enchilada*. This is a fun, engaging story. Students will also learn to take notes and how to read closely with this story.
- In Social Studies, students will research and learn about an American hero. They will be able to choose between a few people. Students will also learn how to create a Google Slides presentation to share their information.
- In Math, we will be focused on rounding numbers and will learn the 4-step problem solving plan. We will be reviewing all Chapter 1: "Place value" topics, and take a Chapter 1 Math test on September 13th.
- 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. We will have our first open book "Getting Ready for Science" at the end of the week, on September 9th.
- In Religion we will be focused on Unit 1 Lessons 2 & 3: "Who is God" and "Why did God make us?"

Week in Review

Language Arts

In Language Arts this week, students continued learning about growth mindset and reading some inspirational stories such as *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*. We also completed our first MAP test for reading.

Social Studies

In Social Studies this week, students received an introduction to map making. These amateur cartographers began to create their own islands! We also learned about the difference between primary and secondary sources.

Math

In Math, we have enjoyed learning all things place value. We have been working on standard, expanded and word form of numbers through the millions place, reading and writing multi-digit whole numbers, attributing value to certain digits, and comparing/ordering numbers. We have been using Splash Learn to reinforce concepts learned, and have enjoyed collaborative activities related to these topics throughout the week. We also completed our first MAP test for Math.

There will be a Chapter 1 Math test on September 13th. We will complete the study guide for the test in class.

Science

In Science this week, we have been learning about what it means to be a scientist, and practicing our inquiry skills. We have focused on the steps of the Scientific Method, and have laid the foundation for shaping our independent study skills (vocabulary and note-taking).

There will be a "Getting Ready for Science" Chapter test next week. Students received a study guide for this test, though it will be open book.

Religion

In Religion we have been focused on the "New Covenant" and other promises God made to his people, sacred tradition, and the professing of our beliefs in the Apostles' Creed. We enjoyed our first Mass back in the gym together, and look forward to sitting with our Kindergarten faith buddies.