

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

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Calendar/Important Dates:

- 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
- Tuesday, October 8 No Mass/formal dress, Priest Convocation
- Saturday, October 12 5K & Fun Run
- Friday, October 18 11:30 Dismissal, End of 1st Quarter
- Friday, October 25 1st Quarter Report Cards
- Tuesday, October 29 No Mass/formal dress
- Friday, November 1 Mass/formal dress, Solemnity of All Saints

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. Tickets now available 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 (c.mitchell@cvillecatholic.org)

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 our study on number sense. We learned about rows vs columns in a 50s chart, how to find one more and one less of a certain number, and how to find a missing number on a 50s chart. Next week we will continue to broaden our understanding of number sense and work to 120.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *Honey...Honey...Lion!* Our focus was on retelling. We broke up the story into Beginning, Middle, and End and highlighted the most important parts. Next week we will read *Make Way for Ducklings* and focus on describing characters.

Grammar

This week we focused on Singular Nouns (The box is big, the dog runs, the baby cries). Next week we will focus on Sentence Structure, continue with Nouns, and introduce Verbs and Adjectives.

Writing

This week we wrote about *Honey...Honey...Lion!*, a story about a selfish Badger who learns a valuable lesson about sharing and teamwork. We also introduced/practiced Daily 5 writing activities.

Theology

In Theology this week, we read and discussed the stories of Adam and Eve and Noah's Ark. We compared and contrasted these stories to find similarities and differences, as well as what God is trying to teach us in each of them. Next week, we will be preparing for the feast of the Archangels on September 29 and the month of the Holy Rosary in October.

Science

This week we talked about classifying items in science. We practiced by sorting animals into three groups: farm animals, pets, or zoo animals. We also celebrated a belated International Dot Day and completed some STEAM dot activities. Next week we will switch to social studies.

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.

Homework (M-TH)

Be on the lookout for your child's homework sheet in next week's Monday binder. Next week we will roll out all parts of our homework and include writing!

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