

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

1st Grade 9/24/2021

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Teacher Emails

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Upcoming Dates:

- Friday, September 24th - 1st Quarter Interim
- Wednesday, September 15th - Friday, October 15th - National Hispanic Heritage Month (First Grade will be learning about Guatemala)
- Friday, October 1st - Mass (Students should be in formal dress uniforms) *See below for a breakdown of proper dress uniform*
- Monday, October 4th - Blue & Gold Day

Math

This week we continued learning about place value, specifically tens and ones, building to make a ten (to 90), and writing numbers in expanded form ($54=5 \text{ tens}+4 \text{ ones}=50+4$). We used manipulatives, drew pictures, played games, and incorporated other counting and grouping strategies as well. Next week we will be comparing numbers to 99 and ordering numbers on an open number line.

Reading and Language Arts

Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *Make Way for Ducklings*. Our focus was on Describing a Character, which included identifying outward characteristics as well as inner personality traits. A character's actions often tell us who they are and reveal their motivation, like the mother duck who is very proud of her ducklings. Next week we will read *Real Cowboys* and focus on asking and answering questions about what we read.

Grammar

This week we focused on Sentence Structure, reviewed Nouns, and introduced Verbs and Adjectives. Next week we will focus on asking sentences and how they end with question marks (?).

Word Study/Spelling

We practiced sorting our words, focused on the consonant sounds /p/ and /b/, introduced open and closed syllables, and took our weekly spelling quiz. Next week students will receive a new word sort (spelling list).

Writing

This week we wrote about *Make Way for Ducklings*, a story about two ducks searching for the perfect spot to raise their ducklings. Our focus was on describing characters from the story. We also introduced/practiced Daily 5 writing activities.

Religion

This week we talked about some faith basics. We learned about how we use the Bible, the church, and our family in our faith. We also talked about the 5 seasons of the church and what color we would see in the church during those seasons. Next week we will continue to talk about faith basics- God's creations, Adam and Eve and the sign of the cross. We will also continue working on a Religion interactive notebook.

Science/ Social Studies

This week we continued working in our science interactive notebook. We discussed how scientists use notebooks to write down questions, answers, information, and observations. This helps them to understand the world around them. We talked about how we will treat our science notebook and then completed our first page which talked about super senses- how we use different body parts for different senses. We also discussed the difference between a science tool and a toy.

Homework (M - Th)

For the week of: 9/27-10/1

Math- Building Numbers Bingo Game (located in their binder) Play at least 2x.

Reading- read for 15 min./night. Please record the title of the book that was read each night. Additionally, for each completed book, your child will color in their reading log for the month (e.g., September books = apples). Don't forget the monthly reading challenge that was included in the binder as well. These activities are designed to motivate readers/encourage students to have fun with reading. It's optional, but highly recommended.

Word Study/Spelling- Students should sort their Word Study/Spelling words each night as well as work on 3 activities total of their choosing from the Weekly Spelling Menu (M - Th, 10 min./night).

Religion- Stay Tuned

Notes From the Classroom

Snack (8:30)/ Lunch(11:30)

Please include a snack with your child's lunch everyday along with a filled spill proof water bottle. Just as a reminder we cannot give out food or plastic utensils to children this year. Also, please be mindful of the food that you are packing. Both First Grade classrooms are nut free, so double check labels. ***Please make sure that water bottles only contain water. We have had a few juice/ sports drink spills and they become rather messy.***

Masks

We cannot give out extra masks to students either. Please make sure to pack an extra mask or two in your child's bag.

Specials Schedule

Monday - Library Tuesday - Art Wednesday - Art and Music

Thursday-P.E. and Music Friday - Mass and Library

CCS School Calendar (August - December 2021)

[CCS School Calendar August-December 2021](#)

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.

Monthly Scholastic Book Orders

<https://clubs.scholastic.com>

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