

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, September 6th - Labor Day (School Closed)
 - September 7th - September 10th - First Grade Assessment Window (Cont.)
 - Spelling Inventory
 - Sight Word Recognition
 - Dibels (Reading)
 - Performance Series Testing (Reading and Math)
 - Thursday, September 9th - Back to School Night (Virtual)
 - Parents may attend any one of the 3 elementary sessions
 - 6:50PM-7:10PM--1st round of elementary grades (JK-5)
 - 7:15PM-7:35PM--2nd round of elementary grades (JK-5)
 - 7:40 PM-8:00 PM--3rd round of elementary grades (JK-5)
- [Back to School Night - Google Meet joining info](#)
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/fkr-umsi-mnb>
Or dial: (US) +1 678-957-7763 PIN: 319 246 928#
- Friday, September 10th - Mass (Students should be in formal dress uniforms)
See below for a breakdown of proper dress uniform

Math

This week we reviewed Numbers to 20, general number sense, one-to-one correspondence, and counting strategies (e.g., number lines and ten frames). Next week we will begin our unit on place value.

Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Books*. We used this story to help teach sequencing 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 started 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. We also had our first Mass, which was live-streamed to us in our classrooms. In the future there will be opportunities for First Grade to attend Mass in the Chapel. Next week we will continue studying our prayers.

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, *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Books*. 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)

Homework

Our first Weekly Homework page was included in the binder this 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 was also a monthly reading challenge that was 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 (8:30)/ 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.

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.