



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter

### 3rd Grade

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements:**

- Please do **not send any nut products this year**, this includes in lunches. Thank you

#### **Calendar/Important Dates:**

- Hispanic Heritage Month - **9/15 - 10/15**  
Stem workshops available  
<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Noche-de-Ciencias-for-Hispanic-Heritage-Month-.html?soid=1108867463019&aid=PpNNsh0kx3l&fs=e&s=c>
- Crozet Speech and Language Clinic will be conducting speech screenings in **October**. Please look for a letter in your child's Friday folder with more information
- All-Terrain 5K and the Kids Fun Run on Saturday, **10/1** (Signup in Tuesday Teller)
- Mass - Thursday, **10/6** - In the Gym (Formal Dress - Boys must wear pants)
- Monday, **10/10** - School closed (Teacher Work Day)
- Join the Alliance Française for one fun-filled hour at CCS! They will be coming to our school on Thursday, **10/13** from 3:30-4:30 to play outdoor games in French! This class will fill up fast with only 12 spots available for grades 2-5. Please register at <https://frenchville.org>. Questions - email Michelle Katstra [michelle.afcville@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.afcville@gmail.com).
- Friday, **10/21** - School closed (Student/Teacher Holiday)
- Elementary School Day of Service will be on **10/28**. Students will be working at school on various community-based needs. More information to come.
- School Pictures are on Thursday, **11/3** for third grade
- Thursday, **11/3** - 11:30AM dismissal (Parent/Teacher Conferences) - No Aftercare
- Friday, **11/4** - School Closed (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

#### Teacher email addresses

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## Science

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**This week** we will be identifying characteristics of living and nonliving things in an ecosystem, plant and animal cell structure, and learning the steps of the scientific method.

**Next week** students will learn about animal habitats and how living things grow and change in their environment. Students will be introduced to five new vocabulary words associated with the lifecycle of a butterfly. We will also continue to learn the steps of the scientific method.

## Social Studies

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**This week** students will be finishing the geographic features of North America which includes the Rio Grande River, Mississippi River, the five Great Lakes, the Rockies and Appalachian Mountain ranges in North America.

**Next week** students will learn about South America and its geographic features. We are also decorating our door with the geographic features of Chile in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month!

## Math

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**This week** we learned the place value forms of writing numbers- standard, expanded and word form up to the hundred thousands place, as well as, identify ways to represent the same amount of money using different combinations of coins and bills.

**Next week** we will learn how to round numbers up to the tens, hundreds, and thousands place. Students will continue to work on counting currency and coins.

- Thank you so much for your donations to our class store! Students will go shopping on Friday.

### **Homework:**

-Students will write their homework assignments and when they are due in their agenda.

## Language Arts/Writing

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### **This Week:**

Our focus was on Common and Proper Nouns, as well as Vowel-Consonant-e Syllables (Also known as the "Magic e" - **theme**, **divide**, and **cupcake**), Affixes: ly, ing, e/es, ed, un, and re. We continued writing summaries by using the Somebody Wanted But So Then strategy, as well as introduced procedural writing. Students wrote recipes/directions for how to make something.

### **Next Week:**

-Daily Grammar Review: Focus: Adjectives

-Word Study: Long a & Vowel Team Syllables (**aim**, **crayon**, and **essay**), Affixes: **er** and review of ly, ing, e/es, ed, un, and re

-Writing: Descriptive

**Homework:**

-Word Study (M-Th) - 10 min. Students do not need to turn anything in.

## Reading

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**This Week:**

We finished our discussion of the book, *Saturdays and Teacakes* and reviewed vocabulary. We also practiced visualizing/creating mental images using our senses as we read through the book.

Learning Ally - [read.learningally.org](http://read.learningally.org) - An online library resource with Read Aloud Book options, similar to Epic, but can be accessed at home at no additional cost to you.

Username - For example - t.little@cvillecatholic.org or ti.little@cvillecatholic.org (Student email)

Password - For example - catholic1234 (catholic + last 4 of Student ID)

Students will have books assigned to them on their "Book Shelf" throughout the year. Our first book, *Mysteries according to Humphrey*, was assigned this week. This book will be read/listened to during class time, but it could also be included at home during the recommended 20 min./night. They can also download additional books to read as well.

**Next Week:**

-Featured Story: Pinduli (Fiction)

-Focus Skill: Describing Characters, Character Traits & Emotions

-Vocabulary: wrath, ravenous, atrocious, meager, appease, exquisite, mysterious, quavered, ridge, scoffed, galumphed, glinting, tormentors, amused, disorderly, vanished, pallid, halt, sagely, garish.

**Not Homework but Recommended:**

Nightly Reading (M-Th) - Approximately 20 min. Students should indicate the number of minutes read each night/week in their planner.

## Religion

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**This Week:**

We began Lesson 2 in our Religion textbook (Asking the questions, Who Is God and How do we see his love? We discussed the Blessed Trinity as well. Additionally, we continued learning about the structure of the mass. There are four parts of Mass: Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rite. We also introduced the Rosary and its purpose, prayers of the Rosary, and the scripture (Mysteries) that are connected with it.

**Next Week:**

We will continue working in our Religion textbook (Lesson 2). We will also be diving deeper into the Rosary (a Catholic devotion consisting of praying common prayers) in preparation for the month of October where we will be praying as a whole school on Tuesday mornings. Next week we will be praying 1 decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries, reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus.

## Other Information

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Welcome to Autumn! Cooler mornings are on the way, so sweatshirts and long sleeves might be appreciated for our early snack time outside.