



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

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### First Grade

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#### Upcoming Dates:

- **Tuesday, September 12-** Mass 8:15 (All students must be in formal dress) 1st & 2nd grade school pictures
- **Tuesday, September 12-** VIRTUS training (see the Tuesday Teller for more information)
- **Saturday, September 16-** Back to School Picnic

## Social Studies

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This week we introduced our journal as well as more routines and procedures.

## Math

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This week we worked on math routines, what a mathematician is and how we will become one. We also worked on identifying numbers and matching their word form and picture form as well as on subitizing and 10s and 20s frames. Next week we will continue working on number sense.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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### Reading

This week we read and discussed the story, *How to Make Apple Pie and See the World*. Our focus was on setting and its two features; location and time. In the story, a young girl travels the world and visits different settings in order to find the perfect ingredients for her pie. We also practiced activities within our Daily 5 routine. Next week we will read *Honey... Honey... Lion* by Jan Brett we will focus on how to retell a story and the -et word family.

### Grammar

This week we focused on Nouns (People, Places, Things, and Animals). We created flipbooks and other interactive activities to reinforce skills. Next week we will focus on singular nouns in a sentence (1 cat, 1 dog, 1 house, etc.).

### Writing

This week we wrote about apples and introduced/practiced Daily 5 writing activities.

## Theology

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In Theology this week, we introduced our school-wide tenant of the month program and focused on the Christian virtue of Respectfulness. We looked at the life of St. Joseph as an example of respectfulness through his continual 'yes' to God. We, also, began a study of the Holy Trinity using an apple to demonstrate the three persons in one God - the peel of the apple protects it, just as God the Father protects humankind. The inside or flesh of the apple reminds us of God the Son, who became flesh for us. Finally, the seeds of the apple promote growth, just as the Holy Spirit helps us grow in virtue.

## Science

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This week we wrote about how we are scientists and made a scientist craft. We also talked about the tools that scientists use.

## Other Information

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### **Snack (8:45/9:00)/ Lunch (11:50)**

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 - Art and Music    Tuesday - Library & Mass    Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday-Library    Friday - Music

### **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.

### **Homework (M-TH)**

There was no homework this week. Moving forward, weekly homework can be found in student binders. Homework will consist of nightly reading for 15 minutes (suggested) and practice saying prayers for 5 min (suggested). Math, Writing, and Word Study homework may also be assigned nightly for around 5-10 minutes each.

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