



# Munhall Memo

Shaping Hearts and Minds in the Service of Christ.

August 30, 2017

## Upcoming Events

- August 31-** NO SCHOOL
- September 3-** NO SCHOOL
- September 12-** Vision and Hearing Screening in School
- September 13-** School Picture Day
- September 17-** NO SCHOOL
- September 18-** NWEA Assessment Window Opens
- September 26-** Non-Uniform Day
- September 24-** Scholastic Orders DUE
- September 27 -** Third Grade Leads Mass

## Next Week

Our first spelling test will be on Tuesday. It is a long weekend, so if your child forgot his or her spelling list or bingo sheet at school, you can find it on my website. Spelling bingo sheets are due Wednesday.

Students will have our first Simple Solutions Quiz over Lessons 1-4 Thursday.

## Reminders

Hot Lunch this year is \$3.25. We use Charlotte Public Schools for our hot lunch service and they have raised their prices this year for any schools they support outside of CPS.

The end time for K-6 is 3:35 p.m. this year. All students who are not riding the bus or walking must be picked up in car line. Any student who is not picked up by 3:50 p.m. will be signed into childcare.

## Virtue of the Month

### Patience

*"Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful."*

1 Corinthians 13:4

## This Week's Focus

**Phonics-** Students completed a CORE Scholastic Phonics Survey this week. This was used to assess students' abilities in phonics and spelling. The results were used to decide the areas of greatest need in phonics and spelling this year. Students focused on the short *a*, short *i*, and short *o* sounds this week.

**Reading-** Science was incorporated into reading this week, as we did a reading comprehension activity on animals adapting to survive. Students reviewed three vocabulary words, adapt, survive, behavior. Ask your child to explain to you one adaptation that either a plant or animal made in the forest biome to increase their chances at survival. We also made reading interactive notebooks that we will use throughout the year to document notes on reading strategies, reading group activities, and much more!

**Writing-** Students made a "quick write" journal this week and we completed four quick writes. Students complete a different quick write prompt every day. These journals are used separate from our writing curriculum and standards and are not formally graded. The goal for these journals is to get students brainstorming and writing every day to become life-long lovers of writing.

**Spelling-** The focus of this week's spelling unit is the soft *a* sound and the soft *i* sound. Students took a pretest this week, and I was very impressed with their performance!

**Math-** Memorizing addition and subtraction facts have been a focus in class this week. In order for your child to succeed to his or her highest potential this year, it is important for him or her to have all addition and subtraction facts memorized. Please make an effort to log onto MobyMax every night to help your child with this. If you need your child's log in information, please do not hesitate to contact me! We will be officially starting in our math book next week, so expect homework to be coming home each night.

**Religion-** Students learned about the virtue of the month, patience, and the saint of the month, Mother Teresa. We also discussed the five fingers of prayer and how that can help you when you are not sure what to pray about.

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