

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Kindergarten 1/14/22

Message from Kindergarten

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a great second semester. It is exciting to see the growth taking place: emotionally, socially, academically, physically, and spiritually. We are blessed to be part of a wonderful community that celebrates all of these.

You are amazing parents! We see the great things that you are doing reflected in the little people that you send to us each day. It touches our hearts when we see children use nice manners, work diligently, show mercy and love, and exhibit the fruits of the spirit. Keep up the great work! You are helping your child to grow in wisdom and stature and favor with God and people.

Students were asked to draw their favorite gift that they received for Christmas. One student drew a beautiful picture of her family and said, "My favorite gift was spending time with my family."

I asked one student where he lived. He said, "Africa. That's why I'm late."

Reading Practice at Home

Please let your child read a decodable reader (word family focused), or leveled readers/books to you each night. We'd also encourage you to read to your child each night as well. The effect size for both is great.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments. The best way to contact me is by email.

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Celebrating Catholic Schools Week January 30th - February 4th

Sunday, January 30th:

We celebrate our parishes!

Students are asked to wear their formal dress to Mass/church services.

Monday, January 31st:

We celebrate our community!

We will collect food all week to benefit the Blue Ridge Food Bank.

Students may wear a crazy hat for a \$1 donation.
All money collected will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Tuesday, February 1st:

We celebrate our students!

Students may wear their Spirit Team shirts with other small blue and/or gold accessories.

Wednesday, February 2nd:

We celebrate our nation!

Students may wear red, white, and blue.

Thursday, February 3rd:

We celebrate our vocations!

Students may dress for their future job/profession/vocation.

Friday, February 4th:

We celebrate our faculty, staff, and families!

Students must be in formal dress for Mass and a Faith Rally.

Announcements

Packets were sent home to be used during a potential snow day and to use as resources. Included in the packet is a car with letters and word families that can be manipulated to practice reading consonant vowel consonant words. One has been cut out as a model. The others will need to be cut out. The letter strips have the word family at the top. The letter strip and corresponding word family can be paper clipped together for storage. There is also a list of short vowel words for your child to read. Please keep these to use as practice for the remainder of the semester.

For the potential snow day(s), there is a book about Martin Luther King Jr. to read and color, a Let's Find Out, prayer wheel, A Book About Me, snowmen number practice, a monster math packet, and number writing practice sheets. Please work on these at home if there is a virtual school day on Tuesday. These may be checked by an adult and kept at home.

Important Dates:

- 1/14 11:30 dismissal
- 1/17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No school
- January 30-February 6 Catholic Schools Week

Just a few reminders...

- Please label everything that you want returned to your house.
- We go outside everyday with the exception of extreme temperatures or rain. Please send labeled hats, gloves, and warm coats in the colder months.
- Please send a labeled CCS fleece or sweater for the classroom in case your child is cold in the building.
- Please make sure that your child does not leave his or her coat in the car in the morning.
- Please make sure your child has his or her labeled water bottle each day.
- Please send an extra mask each day.

<https://editions.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=670608>

[Raz-Kids](#)

Seesaw: [Where learning happens](#)

Epic: <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in>

STEAM Discovery Academy offers fun and educational programs to explore science. Please see the link if interested in participating. <https://www.steamda.com/school-year-programs>

Next Week

Our sight words this week were a repeat: there, out, be, have am. Next week's words will be: like, this, will, yes, went. Please practice sight words at home.

January: New year, penguins, snow, Martin Luther King Jr., Catholic Schools week

Week in Review

Religion

We read a Bible story each day, prayed, and learned about animals in the Bible. We read Psalm 23 each day. We have been listening to a worship song based on Psalm 23 and we plan to read the passage each day and discuss the meaning of the verses.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cp478Gxs-0>

It has been an interesting start to the new year with challenges in the form of weather and sickness. God is faithful and will see us through.

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9

Science and Social Studies

We did activities with penguins. *Hartman Penguin dance:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf0uKmkwnKs>

Math

We continued our subtraction unit and played January themed math games. Key phrases and vocabulary: subtract, minus, take away, equals, How many are left? What is the difference? How many more than? How many less than? How many fewer?

Language Arts

The sight words were a review: there, out, be, have, am. Please continue to practice these at home.

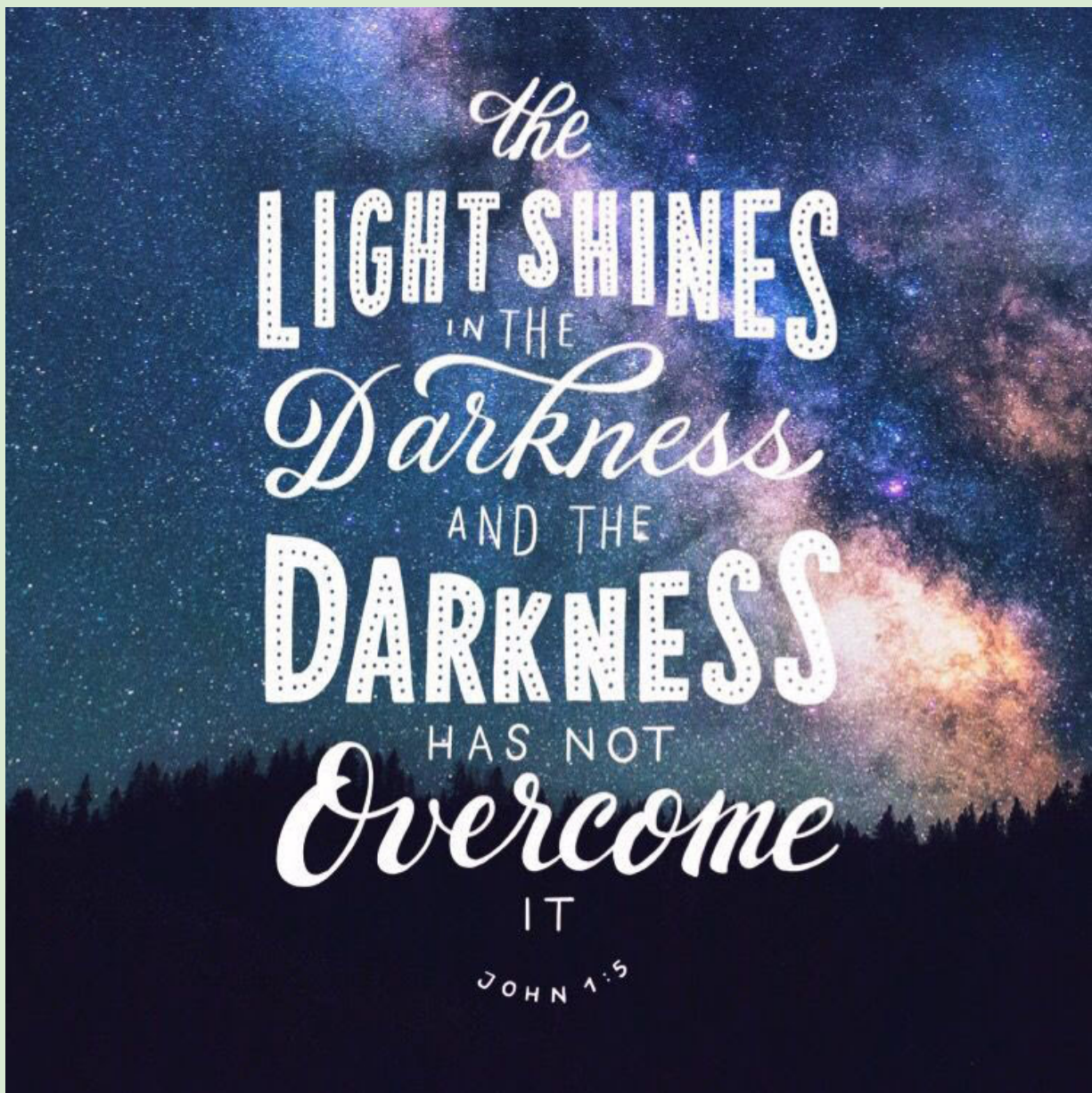
We are practicing short vowel word families. This week the emphasis was on short o.

Favorite Songs:

📺 I've Got So Much To Be Thankful For

Kids worship song Psalm 23: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cp478Gxs-0>

Hartman Penguin dance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf0uKmkwnKs>



Be completely
humble and gentle;
be patient,
bearing with one another
in love.

Ephesians 4:2

