



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

January 17, 2025

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Immunization and School Entrance Health Forms

Students enrolling in **Kindergarten** need to have a [Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health form](#). Physicals, including updated immunizations, must have been **on or after August 20th, 2024**. Please **submit the entire document**. This form should not require an additional doctor's visit if they have been seen within this time frame. Many doctor's offices get busy over the summer with form requests, please ask for this as soon as possible. Your child **CAN NOT** attend school until these papers are provided and are reviewed by the school nurse. Feel free to start sending them in from now.

Calendar/Important Dates

- January 20, 2025: No School, Martin Luther King Jr
- January 26-Feb 1: Catholic Schools Week

Teacher email addresses

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Math

Ms. Wawner's class continued to play with symmetry this week. We created symmetrical butterflies with paint and created our own symmetrical shape pictures. Next week, we will start a unit on graphing. Ms. Shank's class worked on number sense with teen numbers. Next week will be looking at symmetry with our ice and snow unit.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class continued to learn about the letter Rr this week. We read books about robots and created an R robot for our alphabet book. We also continued our author study of Ezra Jack Keats, adding the stories "Pet Show" and "Whistle for Willie." Students like the realistic fiction of Keats and his main character, Peter. We will continue with Keats' stories next week and learn about the letter Uu. Ms. Shank's class continued working on our letter L and rhyming. We also read non-fiction books on penguins and began our penguin flap book with lots of information on penguins. Next week's letter will be letter Mm. We read books from the series of "Tacky the Penguin" and sequenced a story in that collection. We also talked about how in picture books you can read the expression on a character's face to determine how they feel.

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class learned about Martin Luther King Jr. this week and his dream of kindness and fairness for all. We talked about ways we can spread love and kindness and how to be accepting. We read books about MLK and looked at pictures, picking out what we noticed and wondered about. Ms. Shank's class learned about Johan and the Whale and why we should listen to God. We talked about how acting like Jesus can be hard and that all people deserve kindness even when it is someone we don't like.

Science and Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class continued our study of the Arctic. We learned about how snow is formed and created our own symmetrical snowflakes with salt and dye. We also started learning about some of the animals who live in the region and how they have adapted to live in the cold. We started with Polar bears and will continue with owls, seals, and foxes next week. Ms. Shank's class finished our 5 senses unit and began looking at the extreme climates in the Antarctic and the Arctic and how animals and humans adapt to living in these locations. We began a study of the Antarctic and penguins and are creating a flip book filled with information we learned about this animal. We will be studying the Arctic next week and polar bears.