



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

Important Dates

Sunday January 29 - February 4th - Catholic Schools Week

February 17 - School Closed - Parent-Teacher conferences

February 20 - School Closed - Presidents Day

Math

Ms. Wawner's class completed our graphing unit this week, by graphing data about weather, insects, and class favorites. We mainly focused on pictographs and bar graphs. We began our study of positional words, such as over, under, beside, in front of, etc. and will continue to work on these next week. Ms. Shank's class will be reviewing some of our prior units, (patterns, counting, graphing, i.e.)

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter U this week. We created Us and the other letters we have learned with pipe cleaners, sang and danced to songs, and practiced writing our Us as a part of larger words. We learned the sight word "and" through a rousing game of "I'm going on a picnic and..." Next week we will work on the letter B and add a sight word to our growing word bank. Ms. Shank's class worked on the letter B. We read some Mo Willems "Gerald and Piggie". We worked on a craft of the two characters. The students are doing well with handwriting. If they practice at home, remind them to always start at the top line when writing. Our letter for next week will be H and our sight word will be "are".

Religion

Ms. Wawner's class listened to the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den and talked about faith and courage. We practiced retelling the story by reviewing the setting, characters, and series of events. We decorated our door for Catholic Schools Week with the characters! Ms. Shank's class will read about Joseph and his coat of many colors. We were able to decorate our own beautiful coats. Our focus next week will be on Catholic Schools week and the many activities planned.

Science/Social Studies

Ms Wawner's class learned about the Lunar New Year in Social Studies. We read stories and watched videos about different traditions and celebrations that happen all over the world. We read the folktale of Nian, learned how to do the dragon dance, and created dragon puppets. Students loved the story "The Runaway Wok" and the show-and-tell wok Ms. Penarendando brought into class. They especially liked practicing how to use chopsticks! Ms. Shank's class continued learning about matter. We talked about the density of matter and tested things that would sink and float. We made predictions and were surprised that a grape, being so small, would sink. Next week we will continue with some experiments that focus on matter..

Other

The Alyssa House

As part of Catholic Schools Week, we will have a Penny Drive to benefit The Alyssa House. The Alyssa House offers housing to families with a child at UVA Children's Hospital. This video shares a little more about the organization:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mykZR4MRCWY>. Please send in coins as a way to show support. Blue and Gold collection bins will be in the hallways.

Charlottesville Catholic School's Science Fair is just around the corner (Thursday, February 2), and Mr. Bruscia is in need of many volunteer judges! Please contact Mr. Bruscia (m.bruscia@cvillecatholic.org). We want this to be a great experience for our students, so please help us out!

Winter Gear - Message from the Administration

Please make sure that your child's uniforms fit properly and guidelines regarding hair, makeup, and jewelry are being followed. Additionally, it is imperative that your child comes to school in proper outerwear for recess. Coats, hats, and gloves are required for the winter months. We truly appreciate your support.

Cuando regresemos de las vacaciones de Navidad, por favor asegúrese de que el uniforme de su hijo le quede bien y que siga las reglas con respecto al cabello, el maquillaje y las joyas. Por ejemplo, para los niños, el cabello no debe extenderse sobre las orejas o debajo del cuello de la camisa. Tampoco debe tocar las cejas. Para niñas, los lazos para el cabello deben ser conservadores. También no se permite esmalte ni aretas que cuelgan. Adicionalmente, es imperativo que su hijo venga a la escuela con abrigo adecuado para el recreo. Se requieren abrigos, gorros y guantes para los meses de invierno. Nosotros verdaderamente apreciamos tu apoyo. Como siempre, si tiene alguna pregunta acerca del uniforme, por favor comuníquese con la Srta. Goodwin.