

Junior Kindergarten Newsletter Week of October 4, 2021

Academics

1. We will be working on the letter P.
2. In Math we continue to work on number sense. There are only a few students who still need to work with counting on and recognizing their numbers. We are working on recognizing the numbers, counting a set, and making a set. Most of the students are doing well up to 5 and some up to 10. I am also going to introduce the concepts of comparison, (higher, lower; faster, slower; taller, shorter, more, less, and equal to; bigger, smaller; i.e.
3. Most of the students are developing a good pinching pencil grip. We are still tracing using markers.
4. I noticed today that some of the students still do not know their colors. I will do some review work..
5. We continue to talk about family and in particular Jesus' family as well as the immaculate conception. Of course this needs to be sensitively taught and I will do my best. I will focus on the annunciation. I also found

some great ABC bible verse cards. I am going to laminate them, put them on a ring and send them home each day. Each week the students will memorize a short saying from the bible. We will practice at school and talk about what the verse means.

6. We continue to talk about seasons.

Books

"Is your Mama a Llama" and other books in the series.

"The Biggest Pumpkin Ever".

Other

1. We have been advised by Principal Riley that social distancing and mask wearing will be emphasized. It is very hard for these 4 year olds to understand that they can't "get in each other's face". They are learning to be social and it is difficult for them to understand the importance of this. Any help you can give will be much appreciated. We can all pray that next year this will all be over.
2. I am going to institute the treasure box incentive this week. I realize that what I have been doing has always been punitive. It may help incentivise and reward those who practice our class rules.

Initially I am going to reward them if they have 3 greens a week. Then in several weeks I will increase it to 4 times a week. I do not want to do 5 as everyone has a rough day. If you have any small items, (not costly) like old McDonalds toys, pencils or erasers, stickers, matchbox cars, i.e. that you don't mind donating that would be great.

3. We begin our Friday decade of the rosary after Mass. We have talked about the purpose and how to say a decade of the rosary. The students were excited to receive their rosaries.
4. It is Spanish Heritage Month. Our adopted country is Costa Rica. I have shown the students some information about Costa Rica, ("it is mostly jungle, they do have volcanoes, you can find lots of unusual animals in Costa Rica that include the sloth, parrots, and toucans, ziplines, temples, and beautiful beaches"). We are making handprint toucans to decorate our bulletin board and these will be sent home.

I cannot begin to let you know how supported I feel by you and by CCS. You are an amazing bunch as are

your children. Thank you. They tickle me every day.

Yours in Christ,
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Grab your Costume
AND JOIN THE FUN

It's A

Halloween movie night

AT

Charlottesville Catholic School

Oct. 29th

PTO Fundraiser

6PM

Movie to start
approx. 6:30pm

Tickets \$15/family Dinner available
\$5/child (hotdog/hamburger, chips, drink)
\$8/adult (adult beverage included)

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