



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

October 21, 2022

Kindergarten

Thank you so very much to all the wonderful parents who chaperoned our field trip to the apple orchard. The children enjoyed learning about pumpkins and apples. It was fun riding on the wagon, picking apples and pumpkins, and having a picnic lunch. It was a great day!

Please remember to bring in a box on Thursday, October 27 filled with items that represent each letter of the alphabet. Please find something for each letter of the alphabet around your house, in your neighborhood, or while traveling. (A- apple, B-ball, C- comb....) A drawing may be added if a tangible object cannot be found.

You may also do a digital box through SeeSaw. Seesaw parent access code for Mrs. Martin's class: <https://app.seesaw.me/s/517-171-037>

Directions: (Project template Uploaded soon)

- Make sure you log into your child's student account to access project
- Click on Activities Tab
- Open "a to z" Book
- Orange Check Mark - Saves work as a draft and allows you to come back to it later
- Green Check Mark - Submits to teacher (Click when completely finished with project)

On October 28, Elementary students will have a day of service. Kindergarten will be decorating paper grocery bags for UVA Hospital and making cards. We will also be collecting travel size shampoo for The Haven. Please donate paper bags, travel size shampoo, and any of the items below to help our Day of Service. The goal for each class is to collect 100 of the items for that grade level listed on the chart below. If you would like to come to the classroom and help with the kindergarten bag decorating project on October 28, please let us know. Thank you!

JK	Gallon sized bags
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K	Travel size shampoo, paper grocery bags
1	Travel size body wash
2	Travel size body lotion
3	Travel size deodorant
4	Travel size toothpaste
5	Toothbrushes
6	Pocket tissues and wipes
7	Washcloths
8	Disposable razors

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

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Halloween Parade & TAG Day

Monday, October 31, will be our Halloween Parade for students in JK-2nd Grade, and Halloween Tag Day for students in 3rd-8th. The parade will be held at 8:15am. JK-2 parents are welcome to join us--we will have you line up along the sidewalk and blacktop as long as we are able to be outside; you do not need to come into the building.

Students in JK-2 may wear an appropriate Halloween costume to school, but they must be able to remove it, and be in their school uniform, if it is uncomfortable or distracting. Masks and props are not permitted, and students should be in their school approved shoes.

For Tag Day, students in grades 3-8 must be in their uniforms, but may wear Halloween-themed accessories. Parameters for those accessories are as follows:

Allowed:

Socks
Belts
Earrings
Necklace
Ribbons
Halloween bracelets
Headbands with stabilized
decor (i.e. cat ears)

Not Allowed:

Hats
Sunglasses
Wigs
Masks
T-shirts
Headbands with flying objects
Anything flashing
Teeth/fangs
Costumes

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

On Thursday, November 3, and Friday, November 4, we will have parent/teacher conferences. Thursday is an 11:30AM dismissal, and there is no school for students that Friday. More information on signing up for conferences will be forthcoming.

As cooler temperatures approach, please label all outerwear. It is helpful to sew a ribbon into the tag so that your child can easily identify his or her jacket. Please teach your child how to zip his or her jacket. The weather is getting colder in the morning and while children can still wear the shorts or not wear tights or leggings with their jumper they need to be bringing a jacket or thick fleece. Some mornings it is cold and the sweatshirt with shorts will not keep them warm.



Bring your library books back every Thursday for Mrs. Martin's Class

and Friday for Mrs. Draper's class so that you can choose new books from the library!

- Please send a CCS fleece or sweater for the classroom in case your child is cold in the building.
- Please label everything that you would like returned to your house. Over the years, we have had a very high rate of return for misplaced items that were clearly labeled.

Important Dates

- 10/31 Halloween Parade and Tag Day
- 11/1 All Saints Day- Mass
- 11/3 11:30 dismissal Parent/teacher conferences
- 11/4 School closed - Parent/teacher conferences
- 11/23-11-25 School Closed- Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 Winter Dress begins
- 12/2 Blue & Gold
- 12/14 Christmas Concert
- 12/16 11:30 Dismissal
- 12/19-30 Christmas break

Social Studies

Students say prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance each day. We recently learned a lot about famous people who speak Spanish.

Math

We continued our Math Journals this week. Each day we graph the weather for the day, add a number to our September calendar, draw a circle in our 180 day ten frame chart, and color in a number in our 100s chart. Students are learning to recognize and write numbers 0-10. We will begin chapter 3: numbers beyond 10 next week. The students enjoy playing math games.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

We continued sight words this week: here, help, make, yellow, two. Next week, our sight words will be: play, run, find, three, funny. Please continue to practice sight words at home. Students are working on pencil grip and writing on the lines. Students are learning the structure of Daily Five. We read the book *At the Farm*. As we send books home, please have your child point to each word and read the book three or more times. We are working hard to help students build independence by approaching tasks with the following guidelines: get started right away, work the whole time, stay in one spot, work quietly, build your stamina.

Religion

We read a Bible story each day, prayed and talked about how God led the Israelites to the promised land. We also have a science related devotion each day and we are learning a lot about God's amazing world.

Science

On Tuesday, we talked about nocturnal animals and made bats. We also did some more activities related to fire safety. On Thursday, we made applesauce.

Starting October 25th! Gear Up with Simple Machines Enrolling Now!

Join Mr. Bruscia on Tuesdays after school for [Gear Up!](#) Have fun exploring gears, levers, and pulleys through engineering challenges. Apply your new skills to build machines to complete challenges to see what strategies and techniques are the most successful.

- [Gear Up! Eligibility](#): Open to CCS students in grades K-5. All levels of experience are welcome!
- [When](#): 3:30P-5:30P on Tuesdays, for 6 weeks (No class Nov 22nd)
- [Where](#): Charlottesville Catholic School, STEM Lab

<https://www.steamda.com/schoolyearprograms>

Steam Discovery Academy: <https://www.steamda.com/charlottesville>

Other Information

CCS 2022/2023 Student/Parent Handbook

<https://cvillecatholic.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9b38293f7bcd2ecbc2bab7c88&id=a89c>

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Songs and story links:

Creation song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nY2W4nOD_x8
"Jesus Loves Me" by Listener Kids - YouTube

~~Let's Go Deep, Deep, Deep~~ <https://video.link/w/UXT1d>
[Power Shuffle | Everest VBS Music Video | Group Publishing](#)

▶ See It, Say It, Sign It | Letter Sounds | ASL Alphabet | Jack Hartmann

Exercise, Rhyme and Freeze | Rhyming Words for Kids | Exercise Song | Jack
Hartmann: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSPmGPIyykU>

Where Do you Start Your Letters <https://video.link/w/OjNAc>

Thank you song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eEkWvekQiE>

<http://thisreadingmama.com/101-alphabet-activities-printables/>

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/alphabet-games>

<http://www.kizclub.com/activities.htm>

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▶ See It Say It Sign It Volume 2 Jack Hartmann ASL Alphabet