



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

October 27, 2023

Calendar/Important Dates

Thursday November 9th: Half Day (11:30 dismissal). No JK Extended Day. Afternoon conferences

Friday November 10th: No school. Day conferences.

Emails

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Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class studied the life cycle and parts of a pumpkin this week. We read the story of Pumpkin Jack and learned how pumpkins start as seeds, can end as Jack-o-lanterns, and then return to the earth to start the cycle over again. We dissected our pumpkin named Gerry and found out there were 515 seeds in him! We also made a pumpkin-cano. Ask your students what happens when you combine vinegar and baking soda in a pumpkin! Ms. Shank's class studied the life cycle of apples. Next week we will be studying bears and animal changes with an emphasis on animal adaptations, (migration, hibernation, dormancy, and behavioral and physical adaptations). We continue to work on kindness and how we can demonstrate it to our peers and adults. We are also going to be working on other social skills such as identifying whether it is a big problem or a small problem and regulating our emotions according to that, how to be a good friend and sharing, how to deal with controlling our bodies to be safe to ourselves and others, cleaning up after ourselves, and manners when we eat and in the bathroom. I am hoping that when we work on table manners we can have a culminating activity of a tea party where the students can practice table manners.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class focused on comparing numbers up to 20. We learned how to write the greater than/ less than symbol, as well as the equals sign. We also continued our practice on

writing our numbers. Soon, students should be able to write the numbers 0-9. Next week, we will focus on sorting. Ms. Shank's class will continue working on teen numbers, both recognition and counting sets. Some students are still struggling counting sets to ten and recognizing their numbers. Any practice at home is helpful. We have been working on number sense as well, (for example, if you have the number 17 how many ten frames do you need, how many in each ten frame), as well as subitizing our number sets to become more automatic when we see groups of objects. We will continue with that and begin with comparing numbers as well.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class learned about the letter C this week, focusing on the hard c. We made caterpillars in the shape of a C and students loved making collages. We read both fiction and non-fiction books on pumpkins. Next week, we will focus on the letter O and read Halloween stories. Ms. Shank's class read a lot of books about apples and fall. We also studied the letter N. We will study the letter C next week. We will also begin differentiated literacy groups. Some students will begin pre-reading skills by "reading" text. Other students who still need support with letter and letter sound will be working on that. Our sight word will be "the". Students will bring home their book on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. They should practice reading those books to you. I will be sending a note home explaining the methodology of learning to read and what you can do to help them when they bring their books home.

Theology

Ms. Wawner's class learned the story of David & Goliath. We talked about how David had faith, courage, and used his special gifts. We brainstormed times we were brave and came up with ideas of what some of our special gifts are. We also had fun learning how to use a sling shot. We practiced shooting poms poms at our 9-foot Goliath. Next week we will learn about All Saints Day. Mrs. Shank's class talked about what a Saint is and how we can all be Saints by trying to live our life like Jesus. We learned about a variety of Saints. We will continue to learn about Saints. .

Other News

- Our music teacher, Ms. Wisbey, has provided songs for JK students to sing in the car and at home during the month of October. You can find the playlist here: <https://spotify.link/t82MggLIEDb>

Nurse's Note

To be prepared for Kindergarten entrance requirements, please make sure to have the Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health form completed. Print the form and have it with you for your child's next check-up/physical. Make sure that an up to date immunization record is attached. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse at clinic@cvillecatholic.org.

Reminders

- Tuesday, 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 clothes, if it is uncomfortable or distracting. Masks and props are not permitted, and students should be in their school-approved shoes.

- **Mass on November 1 (All Saints' Day)**

Please note that we will NOT have Mass on Tuesday, October 31. Instead, Mass will be on Wednesday, November 1 for the Solemnity of All Saints. Students do not need to wear their formal dress uniforms on Tuesday, October 31.

- **Virtual Good News! Book Fair**

CCS is happy to announce that we will be holding a virtual Good News! Book Fair from November 7-November 17th! All book orders should arrive at your home in time for Christmas presents. Want a sneak peak? Go to: <https://goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair>. More information will be coming shortly!

- **Veterans Day Prayer Service**

We will be honoring our veterans on November 9 with a Veterans Day prayer service and flag planting ceremony. Please join us in the gym at 8:15AM. Our families and close veteran friends are welcome to join us. This is a very special school tradition. CCS students who participate in scouts may wear their scouting uniform to school that day.