

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten October 4, 2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Calendar/Important Dates

- October 7, 2024: No School; teacher workday
- October 11, 2024: JK field trip to Carter's Mountain, 8:20am
- October 18, 2024: 11:30 dismissal; End of 1st quarter

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Important School Announcements

5K/Fun Run Volunteers Needed–We have lots of ways you can help! Please check out the opportunities and <u>sign up if you can</u>. We depend on volunteers to make this event a success.

Crozet Speech and Language Clinic will be conducting speech and occupational therapy screenings in October. Please look for a letter in your child's Friday folder with more information.

Next week, on *Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (October 9, 10, & 11)*, Faith and Action is joining Bishop Knestout to raise funds for people affected from Hurricane Helene by having a Bake Sale. **We need your help!**

- We need everyone to bake yummies over the weekend and bring them beginning on Tuesday (and every day after!) to Mrs. Bryan's room.
- You can make anything from cookies to brownies and more. When you make something please bring it in a baggie. (Bought items are ok too)
- Please put an individual portion in each bag.

 Middle School students can earn 1 hour of church/school/community service for baking two dozen goods.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class was introduced to teen numbers this week. We explored why teen numbers have a 1 at the beginning of them-because all teen numbers start with 10! We looked at teen numbers on 10 frames and played various games to get us comfortable with them. We will continue to play with teen numbers next week and practice comparing numbers. Students already have been introduced to this skill through our Question of the Day. We will continue to Ms. Shank's class began comparing numbers using the terms greater and less than with pictures. Next week we will continue with greater and less than and add equal to. We will also be using number lines to help us compare numbers.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class learned about the letter li this week. We talked about how it is a "magic" letter called a vowel that has two sounds. We built letter I igloos and had fun with our li mystery box. Next week, we will focus on the letter Nn before reviewing our SATPIN letters at the end of the quarter. In reading group we read our book "My Dog" and completed different activities to help us remember our sight word. During our read aloud we read lots of books about apples and apple picking. We also read together a book titled "I Love Apples" and a book about Johnny Appleseed. We learned about the artist Kandinsky and his abstract art. The students then created their own Kandinsky inspired work of art with apples. Our letter next week will be C and our sight word will be "is". Our reading group book will be "Opposites". We will also be learning about opposites.

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class learned about the Archangels to honor their feast day on September 29th. Students made a necklace with each archangel on it. We also learned about the rosary and made our own small rosaries out of pipe cleaners. We will use these when we pray the rosary each Thursday in October. We will start learning about heroes of the Bible next week, starting with Noah. Ms. Shank's class finished our study of the Archangels and our unit on Joseph. The students made their own "coat of many colors". Next week we will continue our study of angels by studying guardian angels.

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class learned about living and nonliving things this week. We brainstormed a list of questions you can ask to determine whether something is living. Does it need air, food, and water? Does it grow and change? Can it reproduce? We sorted pictures, created collages, and went on a living/non-living scavenger hunt outside. Next week, we will focus on a living thing-apple trees and apples! We are also learning about Peru in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Ms. Shank's class finished our unit on Monarch butterflies. Our monarch hatched from its chrysalis and we released it into the courtyard next to the Chapel. We studied the life cycle of an apple. Next week we will begin a study of pumpkins.