



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

October 6, 2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Calendar/Important Dates

Saturday, October 7th, 5K and Fun Run

Monday, October 9: School Closed

Tuesday, October 17th, Hispanic Heritage Month Bilingual Mass at 8:10 in the gym.

Friday, October 20: Half Day, Day of Service (11:30 dismissal). No aftercare.

Friday, October 27: JK Field Trip to Carter's Mountain

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

Friday November 10th no school. Day conferences.

Emails

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Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class had a great time learning about the seasons this week. We learned about the earth's rotation around the sun and how it causes the seasons. We took turns being the earth and sun. We played season charades and we helped determine a seasonal wardrobe with our mystery box full of clothes. Next week, we will focus on fall, before learning about apples and pumpkins. Ms. Shank's class continued our study of Fall and began a study of nocturnal animals by learning about owls. We read lots of stories about owls, and heard different owls "hoots" by different owls. They learned what a habitat means and looked at different habitats for different types of owls. We also read aloud a book called "Owl Babies" and completed an art project using sponge painting to create baby owls with their downy feathers. Next week we will continue to learn about nocturnal animals by studying bats. The students also learned about the country of Paraguay. They were each given a passport in order to "enter" the country. We

then read some books on Paraguay and watched some videos. We culminated this by making llamas to decorate our door.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class learned about tally marks this week and how you can use them to show data and count. We practiced writing our numbers 1-5. Next week, we will introduce teen numbers. Ms. Shank's class continued to work on one to one correspondence and counting to 20.. Some students are still struggling to count a set of objects to ten. We started a study of sorting. We sorted a variety of objects by color, shape, size, and characteristics. We will continue this study.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class learned the difference between letters, words, and sentences this week. We used Unifix cubes to put together letters to make words and words to make sentences. Students helped build an anchor chart to hang on our wall so we will remember the difference. We learned about the letter i and had fun making iguanas. Next week, we will learn about the letter n before we take some time to review our first six letters (SATPIN). We will read all sorts of books about fall, and will work on some sequencing. Soon, we will also start an author's study of Tomie dePaola. Ms. Shank's class read lots of fiction and non-fiction books about owls. We worked on identifying words with the beginning sound of the letter P. Next week we will be reviewing the letters we have learned so far, (S, A, T, P).

Theology

Ms. Shank's class practiced saying our rosary. We also learned how Mary is the mother of us all. We studied Noah and his ark, how God made a promise to Noah and Noah trusted God. We are going to learn about another hero of the Bible, David and how he too trusted in God. Since there will not be our Tuesday Mass our faith buddies are going to be coming to both of our classrooms to help us deepen our understanding of our Catholic faith. Ms. Wawner's class learned about the rosary this week. We practiced our prayers and how to use it in preparation for our all-school prayer on Thursday. We made little rosaries out of beads and pipe cleaners that they can practice with as well. Next week we will learn about angels.

Other News

- Please remember to check the red folder each day. You may take out the completed work.
- **Please return the field trip forms by October 20th so that we can plan accordingly for our trip on October 2.**
- For safety purposes, students should **wear tennis shoes to school.**
- 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

- 5K/Fun Run Participants: Your bib packet is in your child's backpack! PLEASE do not mix up your chipped bib numbers for the 5K, this is how you will get results (your bib number is printed on the label with your name and t-shirt size if you do mix it up). Please remember to wear your t-shirt AND bib at the 5K/Fun Run!
- We will not be having Mass on Tuesday, October 10, as all priests in the Diocese of Richmond will be attending the annual Priest Convocation. Students do not need to be in their formal dress uniforms that day.
- Next Friday, October 13, we will celebrate our National Blue Ribbon Award. Parents are welcome to join us. We will gather at 2:00PM on the playground blacktop. If you would like to join us, please park in carline so that dismissal is not delayed.