

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

Kindergarten 10/06/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

*Please remember to have your child's library books in their backpacks on Thursday mornings so they can check new ones out.

- 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.
- School will be closed on Monday, October 9 for a teacher work day.
- 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.
- 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!
- Field trip on Wednesday, October 11. Any student under 57" tall must have a booster seat. Please leave the booster out front during the morning carline.
- We have been reading a series of books in which Little (letter of the alphabet) fills a box. On Thursday, October 27, we would like for each student to share his or her own "box." Each "box" should have one item for each letter in the alphabet. A physical box may be brought to class. 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.
- This month, we will learn about community helpers. Traditionally, we have had parents come in and talk about their occupations. If you would like to

come and explain what you do in your job, please let us know. If you would like to take us on a virtual field trip to your work site, just send a video. Thank you for all you do in the community. We look forward to seeing you in class soon.

Calendar/Important Dates

- 10/9 Teacher Work Day (no school)
- 10/11 Field trip to Chile's Orchard
- 10/20 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/27 1st Quarter Report Cards

Teacher email addresses

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Our email addresses are: <u>j.draper@cvillecatholic.org</u> and <u>r.zartler@cvillecatholic.org</u>

Social Studies

Students learned about community helpers. We also continued to learn music and fun facts about the countries of Bolivia and Mexico which are our focus countries for National Hispanic Heritage month. We also listened to some Hispanic music.

Math

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 0-20. In addition to our regular calendar routine.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

We continued sight words this week: one, my, me, big, come. Next week, our sight words will be: blue, red, where, jump, away. 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 It Is Fall. 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.

Theology

We prayed the rosary as a whole class yesterday as we will be doing that every Thursday for the month of October. We also learned about Padre Pio as well as the holy family.

Science

We went to the STEAM lab twice this week as we do every week. We created and enjoyed playing with apple scented play doh. It was awesome! The students were also taught the phases of the moon by the eighth graders with oreos and beautiful posters. We will continue talking about the changes of the season and do more apple activities as well as pumpkin activities.