

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Kindergarten 10/8/21

Message from Kindergarten

Thank you for reading to your child each day. These special moments with your child improve vocabulary and comprehension skills.

No School on Monday, October 11.

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

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This month, we will learn about community helpers. Traditionally, we have had parents come in and talk about their occupations, but we are not able to do that this year. However, we would love for you to take two-five minutes with your phone camera and explain what you do in your job. Maybe you would like to take us on a virtual field trip to your work site as you share. Thank you for all you do in the community. We look forward to “seeing you in class” soon.

Thank you Dr. Wood for sharing your work as a veterinarian.

Announcements

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. CCS is so fortunate to be able to share this special time and celebration with all of our families. Some of the things we will be doing include artwork, story reading, and door decorations from several different Hispanic countries. Our focus country in kindergarten is El Salvador.

Catholic Schools Care

As Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) continues to respond to the Afghan refugee crisis, they need our help! Students can earn a free dress day for a minimum donation of \$1.00 and all donations raised will help refugee families rebuild their lives in Virginia. Please have your students bring in their donations on Monday, October 18, which will be our free dress day. ***Do not send the money in before this day, as teachers cannot be responsible for holding onto it.***

Just a few reminders...

- Please label everything that you want returned to your house.
- Please send a CCS fleece or sweater for the classroom in case your child is cold in the building.
- -Please send a lanyard, a clip, or discuss a plan to help your child keep up with his or her mask. Please send an extra mask.
- -When it rains, a raincoat is much preferred over an umbrella.

Important Dates:

- 10/11 Teacher work day- No school
- 10/18 Catholic Schools Care Day (1\$ for free dress)
- 10/18-20 Coat Drive
- 10/20-27 Book Fair
- 10/22 11:30 dismissal
- 10/28 Alphabet project due
- 10/29 JK-2 may wear costumes
- 10/29 Movie Night 6:30
- 11/1 All Saints Day Mass
- 11/4 & 5 Parent/teacher conferences virtual
- 11/11 Veterans Day Prayer Service- formal dress
- 11/24-26 Thanksgiving break
- 12/17 Early Dismissal
- December 18-31 Christmas break

We have been reading a series of books in which Little (letter of the alphabet) fills a box. On Thursday, October 28, 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. We will be sending a link to a digital box through Seesaw soon. A physical box with small objects may also 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.

STEAM Discovery Academy offers fun and educational programs to explore science. Please see the link if interested in participating. <https://www.steamda.com/school-year-programs>

Next Week

Students are learning the structure of Daily Five. Our sight words this week were little, down,, see, can, not. Next week's words are: one, my, me, big, come.
Please practice these words at home.

We will continue building numerical fluency with numbers 1-10, work in our math journals, and play math games.

We will continue our study on community helpers.

Week in Review

Religion

We read a Bible story each day, prayed, learned about animals in the Bible, and talked about Joshua. Students did several pages in their Catholic Reflections book.
Students listened to the thankful song and drew several things that they are thankful for in their Gratitude journals. We went to the chapel and listened to Bible stories.
Students gather on the blacktop each Friday during the month of October to pray.

Science and Social Studies

We talked about community helpers. Students colored a picture of what they want to be when they grow up. We did several other activities related to community helpers.

Students learned about the country of El Salvador and learned about the volcanoes. Students made dough volcanoes and used baking soda, food coloring, and vinegar to make them erupt.

Math

We continued our Math Journals this week. Students played several math games including Shake and Spill.


Language Arts

We continued sight words this week: can, see, little, not, down. Students enjoyed playing Quick Draw with their sight words to practice recognition. They also enjoyed painting the sight words we, can, and see with their water colors. Students made a game called Alligator Alley and a short "a" quilt matching game with consonant-vowel-consonant words. Please practice these words at home.

Favorite Songs

📺 I've Got So Much To Be Thankful For

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



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JOHN 1:5