



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten

### November 1, 2024

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements**

Brrrr...it's getting cold outside! We go outside for recess twice a day, and one of our breaks is in the early morning, so please be sure to bundle up your student before school each morning!

#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

- November 11, 2020: Veterans Day Service; families welcome
- November 14, 2024 11:30 dismissal; parent/teacher conferences
- November 15, 2024 No school; parent/teacher conferences
- November 25-29 No school; Thanksgiving break

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#### **Important School Announcements**

- Looking for something to do with all of the extra Halloween candy at your house? The Faith in Action middle school elective will be collecting candy for Blue Star Families, which will be sent to deployed service members. Candy should be sent in no later than Thursday, November 7.
- PokeMon cards and toys are a distraction to the school day. Please refrain from allowing your child to bring collectors/trading cards or other toys to school unless specifically notified by your child's teacher.
- We will have mass on Monday, December 9, to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

## Math

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Ms. Wawner's class continued to work on sorting and teen numbers. We also practiced writing our numbers, using rhymes to remember how. We will start a short unit on ordinal numbers next. We will continue to work on writing our numbers. Ms. Shank's class started our patterns

unit. They learned how to sort ABAB patterns, ABBA, and AABB patterns. We will continue working on patterns and talk about how they are found all around us, even in nature.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Ms. Wawner's class had fun celebrating Halloween this week by reading books about witches, pumpkins, and silly monsters. Students had the opportunity to sequence the story "Room on the Broom" and retell it. We learned about the letter Oo and how it has two sounds since it is a "magic" vowel. Next week, we will focus on the letter Dd. We will also start our study of sight words that don't follow regular phonemic decoding rules. Ms. Shank's class' letter study will be letter G. Our new book will be "In and Out" and our sight word will be "out".

## Theology/SEL

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Ms. Wawner's class learned how saints love God and love their neighbor. We were introduced to two saints, Saint Francis and Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Students enjoyed going to the Hall of Saints to learn the unique stories of saints. Ms. Shank also learned about different saints. Our next study will be Moses.

## Science/Social Studies

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Ms. Wawner's class finished our study of pumpkins. Since learning about the qualities of living things, students have been able to make astute observations about how pumpkins, apples, and birds are living things and why. Students enjoyed doing two different STEM challenges this week: Figuring out how to roll their pumpkin (marble) home without it running away, and building a spider web for their spider that would act as a net to catch food. With each STEM challenge, students are presented with a problem that they have to solve by using certain materials. Next week, we will start a unit on the Human Body, and focus on the skeletal and digestive system. We will also be talking about Election Day and Veterans Day during the month of November. Ms. Shank's class finished our study of owls. We will finish our study of nocturnal animals by investigating hedgehogs.