



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

November 10, 2023

Calendar/Important Dates

Monday, November 20th-Friday, November 24th: Thanksgiving Break

Emails

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Science/Social Studies

Ms. Shank's class studied hibernation by learning about brown bears and hedgehogs. We learned about why animals hibernate and in what climate would it be necessary to hibernate. Next week we'll be learning about migration by studying monarch butterflies. We also discussed the difference between a big problem and a small problem. We read examples and the students determined whether it was a big problem that they needed help with or something they could solve themselves. We also talked about tattling and I put up on the wall my "ear" so that they can tell the ear when it is a tattle. Ms. Wawner's class continued to explore the human body this week. We made miniature skeletons out of q-tips and we talked about how muscles help us move. On Tuesday, we celebrated Election Day by talking about voting and making a choice. Students were able to practice entering the voting booth, filling out a ballot, and helping tally the results. Next week, students will learn a little about our digestive system and the spirit and history of Thanksgiving.

Similar to Ms. Shank's class, we are also learning the difference between big and little problems and how we can work on solving the little problems ourselves.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class reviewed our numbers up to 20 this week by working on identification, sequencing, one-to-one correspondence, and writing numbers. Next week, we will start a unit on ordinal numbers. Ms. Shank's class worked on more and less, greater than and less than, and equal. We still are working on one to one correspondence through 20. Students are still

struggling to identify their teen numbers. We also worked on subitizing as well as learning to count on using ten frames. We will begin a unit on positional words next week.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter D this week and had fun pulling items from our mystery box and making dot art. We learned our first sight word "I". We had a reader that featured "I" and we all practiced reading together, pointing to each word as we read a sentence. We talked about how we can use pictures to help us decipher words we don't know, as well as the starting letter of a word. Next week, we will focus on the letter M and the sight word "can." Ms. Shank's class read books about hedgehogs. We listed facts we learned about hedgehogs. The students then drew a picture of a hedgehog in hibernation. They then dictated a sentence to me of a fact that they learned. We learned about the letter O and reviewed all of the letters we have learned so far. I assessed the students on those letters. They were required to sort pictures according to the letter and sound. Next week we will work on the letter Dd and our sight word will be "my". Their two reading books for the week will include that sight word. The students are doing well with reading groups and rotating centers. We also did a short study of the Artist Kandinsky and painted our own interpretation of his style by painting line drawings and covering them with watercolor. We also made Kandinsky "apples" based on one of his famous paintings.

Theology

Ms. Wawner's and Ms. Shank's class learned the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den and how Daniel was faithful and trusted in God.

Other News and Reminders

- Music News: Here is our November Playlist. This past month, we have been using movement and music to talk about the changes in fall, as well as practicing for our Christmas concert. Hope to see you all there!
https://open.spotify.com/playlist/5ua4EVe7KNrfKLS3KRV9OZ?si=b_E7HXUzSdWbHITRhtgag
- **Virtual Good News! Book Fair:** CCS is happy to announce that we will be holding a virtual Good News! Book Fair from November 7-November 17th! All book orders should arrive at your home in time for Christmas presents. Want a sneak peak? Go to: <https://goodnewsbookfair.com/virtual-fair>. More information will be coming shortly!
- The originally published dates for the CCS Christmas Concerts have changed slightly. While the 3rd-5th Grade concert will remain on Tuesday, December 12, the JK-2nd Grade concert has been moved to **Wednesday, December 13**. Both concerts start at 6:15PM—students will need to arrive at school **no later than 5:45PM**.
- Join the Fun! Camp4Real Kids Night Out is Coming to Charlottesville Catholic on Dec. 15! Kids Night Out (KNO) is a three-hour drop-off event featuring a catered dinner and an exciting lineup of engaging P.E.-style games and activities for children in kindergarten through 6th grade! Family fun with an impact!

Camp4Real is proud to support the CCS community and will donate a portion of the event proceeds right back to our school! Discounted early registration is now open! [Click here](#) to learn more and snag your child's spot!

- The annual St. Nick's Shop (December 4-7) is an opportunity for JK-5 students to independently shop for their family at school. Prices will range from \$1 to \$15, with the majority at \$5, with many gift options to choose from. Gifts will be labeled and placed in gift bags to help keep them secret. This is a chance for students to buy gifts for others, not themselves. Participation is completely voluntary. [Please fill out one form per child](#). This form must be completed by November 29. All funds raised will be used to support PTO events for teachers and students such as the Teacher Christmas Luncheon and school ice cream socials. This payment will be billed through FACTS the week of December 11th—there will be no cash transactions this year. You also have the option to donate any change/unspent funds back to the school.

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.

KIDS NIGHT OUT



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**ACTIVE FUN
FOR K-6TH GRADERS!**

DEC. 15 | 6-9 PM

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- A KID-FRIENDLY, PLANT-BASED CATERED DINNER
- A VARIETY OF EXCITING P.E. STYLE GROUP GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
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