



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

November 22, 2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Calendar/Important Dates

- November 25-29: No school; Thanksgiving break
- December 19: JK-2 Christmas Concert
- December 20: 11:30 dismissal
- December 23-Jan 3: Christmas break

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Important School Announcements

- We will have mass on Monday, December 9, to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.
- Ms. Fallica has asked that when students return from break they should be wearing long pants/sweatpants and have a jacket/coat. If students are not dressed appropriately for the weather they will not be able to go out for recess.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class learned about ABC patterns this week. Students had fun making their own AB and ABC patterns with dot paints, foam shapes, and legos. They designed their own patterned socks and t-shirts. Ms. Shank's class finished our unit on patterns. Upon our return from break we will begin working on graphing.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter M this week and the sight word "see." While students are learning their letters and sounds to be able to decode words, they are practicing sight words that don't follow regular phonological rules, so they can identify them in texts. We also read books that featured the letter M, specifically the "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" series. Ms. Shank's class reviewed letters and sounds for letters A-E and completed an assessment. We also read "Bear Snores On" and created a sequencing hat about our story. When we return we will study the letter I. Our author study will be Jan Brett who wrote "The Hat" and "The Mitten".

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class focused on gratitude this week. We talked about how you can appreciate small and large natural wonders, family and friends, and everyday happenings. Students looked at picture scenarios and brainstormed things they could be grateful for in that scenario. We also made a gratitude book. We will start learning about Advent the week after Thanksgiving break. Ms. Shank's class talked about the meaning of a Jesse Tree and began creating ours to start putting up when we return. We talked about Advent and the Advent wreath.

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class investigated wild turkeys this week! We found that turkeys are birds that can fly, swim, and run very fast. We created a turkey facts poster and book that students are able to take home. We also created turkeys through process art—first learning how to draw a turkey with oil pastels and then coloring them with watercolors. Be sure to ask your student about other wild turkey facts they know. Ms. Shank's class began looking at hibernation, why animals hibernate, what animals hibernate. Each student made their own bear cave craft. When we return we will talk about migration.

Christmas Spirit Week

2024



Monday
Dec. 2
“Cozy Day”

- Loose fitting pj bottoms or sweatpants; comfy t-shirts or sweatshirts
- **NO slippers, crocs, leggings, onesies, or pj sets/nightgowns**
- Middle school: sneakers of choice
- JK-5: school sneakers

Tuesday
Dec. 3
Mass Day

- **No Spirit Wear dress up this day**
- **All students must be in formal dress uniforms for Mass**



Wednesday
Dec. 4
“Christmas Tag Day”

- Students must be in regular uniforms
- Christmas-themed accessories:
 - Necklaces, earrings, bracelets
 - Headbands or hair accessories
 - Socks, hats



Thursday
Dec. 5
“Sports Shirt Day”

- Students may wear a sports jersey or t-shirts (local team through major leagues)
- Middle school: jeans or uniform bottoms, sneakers of choice
- JK-5: uniforms bottoms and shoes

Friday
Dec. 6
“Blue & Gold Plus Day”

- Normal Blue & Gold Day dress requirements
- Blue or gold accessories:
 - Necklaces, earrings, bracelets
 - Headbands or hair accessories
 - Socks, hats

