



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

November 3, 2023

Calendar/Important Dates

Thursday November 9th: Half Day (11:30 dismissal). No JK Extended Day. Afternoon conferences

Friday November 10th: No school. Day conferences

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

Emails

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Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class started our unit on the human body this week. We are first exploring bones and the skeletal system. We learned why bones are important, how many there are in the human body, and we are learning the names of some of our most important bones, like our skull. Students met Mr. Bones, our tiny class skeleton. Mr. Bones is a great model for us to create our own miniature skeletons in the coming days. We will continue to study the human body in November, while also taking time to briefly focus on Election Day, Veterans Day, and the Thanksgiving holiday. Ms. Shank's class is continuing our study of animal changes with an emphasis on animal adaptations, (migration, hibernation, dormancy, and behavioral and physical adaptations). We are going to study bears and hedgehogs. We continue to work on kindness and how we can demonstrate it to our peers and adults. We started trying to identify whether something is a big problem that they would need help from an adult or a small problem that they can try and solve themselves. I am also going to work on trying to diminish the tattling. We talked about the difference between a tattle and something that I would need to know. Once we have discussed the difference I put up a picture of a large ear on the wall. When the students tattle I will tell them to go tell the ear. It is just a silly way of helping them learn the difference.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class practiced sorting this week and learned how to sort by attribute. We had a great time sorting ourselves, our shoes, and other manipulatives based on different features. Next week, students will review all of our numbers up to 20 through activities and games. Ms. Shank's class will continue working on teen numbers, both recognition and counting sets. Some students. Any practice at home counting sets or working on recognizing numbers is helpful. We started a unit on comparing numbers, (greater than , less than, and equal to). Next week we will look at finding what comes before a number and what comes after.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class learned about the letter O this week and its two primary sounds. We found Os around the classroom in different print and created an O book where students wrote O words and practiced reading the book to me and Ms. P. Next week, students will learn about the letter D. Students will start learning sight words this month. We will begin "the." Ms. Shank's class read books about hibernation and bears. We started our reading groups. The students will get a sight word booklet and a more typical reading book each week. If you have an opportunity to read with them. We also studies the letter C. Next week we will study the letter O. We did lots of word work with our sight word, (writing in playdough, tracing, word searches). Our next sight word will be _____

Theology

Ms. Wawner's class learned about saints this week and how all saints love God and love their neighbor. We talked about how we can show that we love God and love our fellow humans. We learned about the life of Saint Francis and Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Next week, we will continue exploring heroes of the bible and learn the story of Daniel. Mrs. Shank's class talked about what a Saint is and how we can all be Saints by trying to live our life like Jesus. We learned about a variety of Saints. Both classes had an opportunity to go to the Saints living museum. We were able to listen to students share information about some of the Saints we studied. Next week we will also focus on the hero Daniel and the trust he placed in God.

Other News

- Our music teacher, Ms. Wisbey, has provided songs for JK students to sing in the car and at home during the month of October. You can find the playlist here:
<https://spotify.link/t82MggLIEDb>

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.

Reminders

- **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!

- **Veterans Day Prayer Service**

We will be honoring our veterans on November 9 with a Veterans Day prayer service and flag planting ceremony. Please join us in the gym at 8:15AM. Our families and close veteran friends are welcome to join us. This is a very special school tradition. CCS students who participate in scouts may wear their scouting uniform to school that day.



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