



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

Kindergarten

12/01/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Please note that we will NOT have Mass on Tuesday, December 5. Instead, Mass will be on Friday, December 8 for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Students do not need to wear their formal dress uniforms on Tuesday, December 5.
- Help Wanted! Spend Quality Time with Jesus (12/5) This Tuesday, December 5th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during our day of Reconciliation for students to pray with and spend time with Jesus. However, Jesus cannot be left alone! Please consider setting aside an hour of your time and signing-up to come and pray with our Lord in the CCS Chapel. We also are in need of volunteers who can help walk students from the confessional spaces in the school to the chapel. Each opportunity is available in one hour increments. Sign up using the [LINK HERE](#). Please contact Megan Pearing, Religion Coordinator, with any questions. m.pearing@cvillecatholic.org
- Even though the weather is turning colder, we will continue to get the students outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child has the outerwear needed so that they can participate in recess. Below are the guidelines we follow:
 - Students should stay inside if the wind-chill factor is below 25°F.
 - If the wind-chill is in the 30s, students should have a coat (not a sweatshirt) and it should be encouraged that their heads are covered (hat or cinched coat/sweatshirt hood).
 - If the wind-chill is in the 40s, students should at least have a sweatshirt on.
 - **Students who do not have the proper outerwear will sit in the front office for recess.**

- The annual St. Nick's Shop (December 4-7) is an opportunity for JK-5 students to independently shop for their family at school. Participation is completely voluntary. Please fill out one form per child using [THIS LINK](#). Registration has been extended! The LAST DAY to complete the form is this Sunday, December 3.

Calendar/Important Dates

12/6 St. Nick's shop for kindergarten

12/13 JK-2nd Christmas concert

12/15 Gingerbread house decorating party 1:00-2:30

12/20-01/02 Christmas break

Social Studies

Students say prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance each day. Students learned about maps, the city CCS is in, the state they live in, the country they live in, the continent they live on and what planet they live on. They also learned about rural and urban areas. Students began learning about Christmas traditions in other countries. Next week we will learn about the United States, England, France, Holland, and Mexico.

Math

Students are continuing to recognize numbers 0-20. We also have been reviewing subtraction, addition as well as comparing groups. The students have also been enjoying centers which include work with a teacher, math binders and math games. The students are doing so well in math! Students did Thanksgiving number activities too.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

The focus this week was on short i word families. Students are learning to blend sounds to read consonant-vowel-consonant words. We worked on these sight words: do, did, so, get and what. Please continue to practice sight words at home. Next week's sight words are: like, this, will, yes and went. Students are working on pencil grip and writing on the lines. Students are learning the structure of Daily Five. As we send books home, please have your child point to each word and read the book three or more times. We are working hard to help students build independence by approaching tasks with the following guidelines: get started right away, work the whole time, stay in one spot, work quietly, build your stamina.

Theology

We continued to learn about God's ten commandments and that they are made to keep us safe just like the rules at school. Also, we started to talk about advent and how it is a time of preparation and waiting for baby Jesus to arrive.

Science

This week in the science lab we focused on social studies by learning about our city, state, country, continent and planet.