



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten

### December 13, 2024

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

Ms. Shank's class will have a small Christmas party on Friday the 20th. It will be during our normal snack time at 9:30. Should be fun.

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

- December 19: JK-2 Christmas Concert
- December 20: 11:30 dismissal, (no JK aftercare or STEAM Academy)
- December 23-Jan 3: Christmas break

#### **Teacher email addresses**

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#### **Important School Announcements**

- **Christmas Break is a great time to make sure that uniform pieces fit students properly (especially lengths for pants, skirts, and jumpers), and for boys to get haircuts.**
- From the PTO: We will celebrate our incredible CCS faculty and staff by hosting a Christmas luncheon on December 18. We are seeking donations of food items and volunteers to monitor recess. Please [sign up here](#) if you are able to assist.

Thank you for helping to make this a special event!

*Food donations should be dropped off during the morning carline on 12/18 (there will be a cart for collections at both carlines).*

## Math

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Ms. Wawner's class finished up a unit on positional words and continued to practice numbers 1-20 with puzzles and games. We have also started counting up to 100 with different videos and exercises in hopes students will start recognizing the pattern. We will play more with this in the coming weeks. Ms. Shank's class started our unit on graphing. We will continue that unit for

the next several weeks. Some students are still having trouble recognizing their teen numbers. We will be working on that as well.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Students learned about the letter Kk this week. We read Jan Brett's *The Mitten* and had fun sequencing the story by reenacting it. Students were also introduced to the sight word "the" and practiced reading the story "The Party." Ms. Shank's class read Jan Brett's book called "Cozy" and worked on identifying story elements. Our next letter will be Kk. We are not reading our reading group books this week. We are working on other language arts concepts such as story elements and sequencing.

## Theology/SEL

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Ms. Wawner's class continued to put ornaments on our Jesse tree and learn the stories behind them. Students were introduced to the story of Jacob's ladder and how God was with Jacob wherever he went. Students also learned the story of Gabriel coming to Mary with the message that she will be the mother of Jesus and how she said yes, which took faith and courage. Ms. Shank's learned about our Mary our Mother of Guadalupe. We have been traveling to other countries this week to learn about Christmas traditions in those countries. All of the students have a "suitcase" and when we learn about a country we put a sticker on our suitcase. We took a trip to Mexico and We learned how important our Lady of Guadalupe is to Mexico. We made poinsettias and learned about the meaning of the Poinsettia. The flower's shape symbolizes the star that led the Wise Men to Jesus at his birth and the red leaves represent the blood shed during Jesus's crucifixion. We traveled to Brazil and made parrot ornaments. We made a stop in Hawaii and made leis. Next week we will take a trip to South Africa, Germany, and China. We will also learn about the birth of Jesus and the story of the Nativity.

## Science and Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class focused on hibernation this week and how an animal's breathing and heart rate slows way down. We learned about the different animals that hibernate and created hibernation dens for animals using a variety of materials. We will finish our Animals in Winter unit by learning about migration. Next week in Ms. Shank's class we will learn about reindeers and their migration.