



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

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## Friday Newsletter

### Kindergarten

### 12/15/2023

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

Thanks to all the food donations for the gingerbread house party we had today. Also, we would like to thank our parent volunteers for a Christmas present from the students and parents helping with our gingerbread house decorating party.

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

12/20-01/02 Christmas break

#### **Social Studies**

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The students learned about Christmas traditions that happen in Germany. Mrs. Z lived in Germany for a while so she brought in a wooden toy Germany is known for as well as a few other items. She taught them about the different traditions in Germany for Christmas. We went on a pretend trip with our passports and enjoyed learning about Christmas in Germany. We also made crystal angels with Borax and hot water. The students only made the angels and the adults of course handled the hot water. Mrs. Z also brought in some crystals and geodes of her own.

#### **Math**

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Students are continuing to learn different addition and subtraction strategies to use which includes using a number line. 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!

#### **Language Arts/Reading/Writing**

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The focus this week was reviewing our words from last week. We also worked on some new word family endings. Students are learning to blend sounds to read consonant-vowel-consonant words. Please continue to practice sight words at

home. This week's sight words are a review which are: like, this, will, yes, 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

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We continued to learn about advent and how it is a time of preparation and waiting for baby Jesus to arrive. So, we reviewed a short play about the real Christmas and watched a Bible story video on the first Christmas as well.

## Science

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This week in the science lab we focused on social studies by learning about Christmas in other countries. The children really enjoyed pretending to go on a trip to Germany. We also learned more about the Christmas traditions in Germany as well.