



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

Important Dates

Friday, December 16th - Early Dismissal and start of winter break. No aftercare

Tuesday, January 3rd - School resumes

Friday January 6th - Blue and Gold Day

Thursday January 12th - End of 2nd quarter

Friday January 13th - No school for students and staff

Monday January 16th - No school for students and staff. Martin Luther King day.

Math

Ms. Shank's class spent the week on the concept of symmetry. We studied snowflakes and snow, (snowflakes are symmetrical). We painted half a butterfly and then folded it in half so the paint pattern would be the same. They look beautiful. When we return we will be focusing on graphing with concrete objects and with worksheets. We will even do a skittle sort and graph. We continue to graph our weekly question. We will also be reviewing numbers 11-20. I will be assessing the students whether they can identify the number and count groups to those numbers. I will assess them sometime in January. Ms. Wawner's class focused on patterns this week. We had fun creating patterns with our bodies, voices, items around the classroom, stickers and beads.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the sight words go and it this week, while reviewing our sight words from last week. Students enjoyed hunting for sight words around the classroom and in books and playing the bean bag game. We focused on the letter K, and will continue our study of letters when we return from the break. Ms. Shank's class loved our author study of Jan Brett. Many of her books fit with the Christmas spirit. We also fell in love with her hedgehog that is an inspiration for many of her books. We worked on the letter K and continued with our reading groups. When we return we will continue to read a book with the sight word TO. I am focusing on a sight word a week according to their frequency.

Religion

In Ms. Shank's class the students really enjoyed our daily Jesse Tree readings. Each student had a bulb to add to our "tree". We read about the meaning of each bulb and said prayers. We had a wonderful celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Ms. Wawner's class learned about the Christmas Story. When we return we will learn about Daniel and the lions, how he trusted in God.

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class completed their study of the Arctic Reindeer. We answered all our questions that students posed at the beginning of the unit: where do they live, what do they eat, what do they do, how do they survive in the cold? We culminated with a craft project that we hope you will enjoy!

Ms. Shank's class learned a lot about snow and snowflakes. When we return we will begin a unit on what animals do in Winter, (hibernation, migration, and adaptation). We will study bears, monarch butterflies, and the arctic hare. We will also be investigating ice with lots of experiments and activities.

Other

Winter Gear - Message from the Administration

When we return from Christmas break, please make sure that your child's uniforms fit properly and guidelines regarding hair, makeup, and jewelry are being followed. Additionally, it is imperative that your child comes to school in proper outerwear for recess. Coats, hats, and gloves are required for the winter months. We truly appreciate your support.

Quando regresemos de las vacaciones de Navidad, por favor asegúrese de que el uniforme de su hijo le quede bien y que siga las reglas con respecto al cabello, el maquillaje y las joyas. Por ejemplo, para los niños, el cabello no debe extenderse sobre las orejas o debajo del cuello de la camisa. Tampoco debe tocar las cejas. Para niñas, los lazos para el cabello deben ser conservadores. También no se permite esmalte ni aretas que cuelgan. Adicionalmente, es imperativo que su hijo venga a la escuela con abrigo adecuado para el recreo. Se requieren abrigos, gorros y guantes para los meses de invierno. Nosotros verdaderamente apreciamos tu apoyo. Como siempre, si tiene alguna pregunta acerca del uniforme, por favor comuníquese con la Srta. Goodwin.

Christmas Concert:

We can not tell you how amazed and proud we were with the Christmas concert. They were so excited. They sang out loud and with such joy. They are all such blessings.

Inclement Weather:

We do not follow the county of Albemarle or the City of Charlottesville closers. You will receive a message from Ms. Fallica regarding school closure or delay for Charlottesville Catholic.

We hope you have a restful and blessed Christmas!