



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

Important Dates

Monday December 5-9 - St. Nick's Shop

Wednesday, December 14th - Christmas Concert

Friday, December 16th - Early Dismissal and start of winter break

Math

Ms. Shank's class began our unit on patterns. We looked at objects, numbers, letter patterns, patterns around us and patterns in nature. We will continue working on creating and extending patterns. Ms. Wawner's class finished learning numbers 0-20. We will start on patterns next week.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Shank's class reviewed the letters we learned so far and will be completing a letter and sound identification assessment to see where we stand. Our next letter will be letter Tt. We are continuing our study of the author Jan Brett and learning about some of her writing inspirations, which include her pet hedgehog. Ms. Wawner's class has started learning sight words. We have six words that we have been practicing this week. Students have cut and sorted the words and have them in a baggy so you can practice at home. We will continue to add to our list of sight words in the coming weeks. Ms. Wawner's class also learned about the letter Gg this week. Students loved reading about gardens and gingerbread men and making their versions of each.

Religion

Each class is talking about the Advent Wreath that we light each day and discussing the meaning of the candles. Ms. Wawner's class is learning about the Nativity and created baby Jesus' with their faith buddy. Ms. Shank's students all colored their own ornaments for our Jesse Tree. Each day we read about the ornament and its significance in the Bible. The students then attach their own ornaments to our tree.

Science/Social Studies

Ms Wawner's class commenced our study of reindeers. We came up with a list of questions that we wanted answered about reindeers and we started to investigate. This week we learned about their habitat in the Tundra and how they have adapted to survive in the cold. Next week we will continue our study of what they eat and their annual migration. Ms. Shank's class is continuing our study of the 5 senses. We used our sense of sight to look for pictures in the clouds after reading "It looked Like Spilt Milk". We also looked at optical illusions. Next week we are going to participate in guessing games with our sense of smell, taste, and touch using mystery boxes.

Other

Winter Gear

Please make sure your student has a coat and other warm gear for the cold weather. We try to go out for recess twice a day to get lots of fresh air.

From Ms. Wisbey regarding the Christmas Concert:

We can't wait to see you all for the Christmas concert. Please follow these procedures for dropping off and picking up your child:

- Plan on arriving by 5:45 pm, so students can be in the classroom at 6 pm, ready to go.
- Students need to be in their "Christmas best". Please have them bring their water bottles.
- Parents can head straight to the gym for the concert.
- Feel free to look around the main hallway by the gym, as students have created artwork that goes with the songs we are singing during our art classes this semester.
- Once the concert is over, students will be taken back to their classrooms for pick up. Be sure to sign them out in their classroom. JK students can leave with their parents from the gymnasium.

We look forward to sharing the Christmas joy through music and art!