



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

December 20, 2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Thank you, parents, for creating beautiful and heartfelt ornaments for your students in Ms. Wawner's class. We enjoyed reading the cards you wrote with them and admiring them on our tree. We are sending them home in your students red folder so you may include them on your tree, if you wish.

Calendar/Important Dates

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

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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.
- It is especially important that students bring and wear their coats to school. Mrs. Fallica has informed us that students who do not have coats will not be able to go out for recess.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class looked at a grid of 1-100 and tried to notice different patterns in the numbers up to 100. We learned about skip counting and practiced counting to 100 by 10s. We counted cheerios into groups of 10 to count and sequenced numbers 10-100. We also have fun completing skip counting puzzles. Ms. Shank's class started our unit on graphing. The students graphed the color of eyes, how many letters are in our names, and birthdays

of our class. We will continue to work on graphing. We will also continue working on counting in our teen numbers. The students will need to be able to count objects up to 20. We will introduce symmetry with our unit on ice and snow later in the month.

Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter E this week and its two sounds. We created an "E" Elf for our alphabet book that we add to each week. We also read stories about Christmas. Ms. Shank's class read Jan Brett's book called "Snow Bears". We created our own snow bears art project. Our letter was "K" and worked on identifying story elements. Our next letter will be L. We will start our reading groups when we return and rhyming will be our language arts skill.

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class continues to learn stories of the Bible through our Jesse tree. This week, students were introduced to the story of Jonah and the Whale. We talked about how God shows forgiveness if we ask for it and gives us second chances. We ended the week with reading the Christmas story and talking about the importance of Mary, Joseph, and the birth of Jesus. 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. This week we traveled to China, South Africa, and England. When we return we will learn about another hero from the bible, Jonah and the Whale.

Science and Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class completed their study of animals in winter by learning about migration and a few animals that do it every year, such as Monarch butterflies, Canadian geese and reindeer. Ms. Shank's class will be learning about our 5 senses. After that we will learn about matter while focusing on ice and snow.