



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

Important Dates

**Monday December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service at 8:15.
Families are welcome to attend**

Wednesday, December 14th - Christmas Concert 6:15

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

Tuesday, December 3rd - School resumes

Math

Ms. Shank's class is continuing our unit on patterns. We will begin looking at symmetry. We will be creating our own beaded snowflakes that demonstrate our knowledge of patterns and symmetry next week. Ms. Wawner's class reviewed numbers 1-20 and became experts on greater than/less than/equal to this week with numbers 0-20. We started our unit on patterns by putting ourselves into patterns based on different traits. We will continue learning about patterns next week.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class practiced our 6 sight words throughout the week by going on sight word hunts, playing memory, and using our sight words in sentences. Please continue to practice these words at home, especially if your student has been absent any days. We learned about the letter Mm this week. Students especially loved making Ms with macaroni and listening to the story, "The Mitten," while trying to all fit into the mitten shape we made on the floor. Next week, we will focus on the letter K. Ms. Shank's class will finish up our author study of Jan Brett. We read many books written and illustrated by her and talked about her style and how her beloved animals, (her hedgehog and chicken), inspired her to write stories. We sequenced some of her stories and talked about characters and setting. We finished reviewing our letters and worked on the new letter T. Next week we will focus on the letter K. I will be sending home next week copies of letter/sound assessments that I have completed on the students. Our sight words so far are: The, And, and we will introduce next week the word To.

Religion

Our St. Nicholas' Day celebration was a lot of fun. We decorated our dutch shoes and put them out in the hall so that St. Nick could fill them with treats. We made holiday wreaths and listened to middle schoolers read us stories. We continue to add to our Jessie Tree. The students will be learning about the Christmas story.

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class continued our study of reindeers and the Arctic. This week, we learned about how reindeers have adapted to the cold weather and why they look like they do. We also learned a little about the arctic food web. Ask your student what reindeers eat and what eats reindeers! Ms. Shank's class is continuing our study of the 5 senses. We used our sense of hearing to listen to sounds and guess what made them. We also learned about how the ear works and made our own kazoos. We used our sense of taste when we had a special treat of hot cocoa. Next week we will focus on our sense of smell and touch.

Other

Morning Exercises

Ms. Wawner's class has morning exercises each day. This week, we introduced a masking tape path where students can try to walk the line without falling off. This has helped us with focus and balance. Students liked the challenge of walking with different things on their head this week.

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.

Christmas Concert:

- Plan on arriving by 5:45pm, so students can be in the classroom at 6pm, ready to go.
- Students need to be in their "Christmas best". Parents can head straight to the gym for the concert.
- Students will be dismissed to parents once they have performed. Be ready to receive them from staff as they exit the stage.
- 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.