



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

February 10, 2023

Kindergarten

Kindergarten had an exciting week! Second grade shared some awesome magic tricks with magnets. Kindergarteners explored magnets in the STEM lab on Thursday.

Please send a shoebox for our Valentine exchange by Monday, February 13. Your child will decorate it at school and use it to hold valentines from classmates on February 14th. Please send in a valentine for each classmate. A class list is being sent home. As far as treats, please refer to the list of approved food items in FACTS; non-food treats are always a great option! Treats that are received will be sent home with students.

Because of the sheer volume of treat items that will likely come in for Valentine's Day and likely not in their original packaging, the school nurse will NOT be checking each item. For that reason we will be sending everything home for parents to approve.

TAG Day

Tuesday, February 14 will be Valentine's Day TAG Day. *This is a Mass day, so students do need to be in their formal dress uniforms.* The rules for TAG Day are:

- Students MUST be in their uniforms.
- **Allowed items:** socks, belts, earrings, necklaces, ribbons, bracelets, headbands with stabilized decor
- **Not allowed:** hats, sunglasses, wigs, t-shirts, headbands with flying objects, anything flashing

Friday, February 17, school is closed for parent/teacher conferences. This conference day is not meant to be conferences for every child. Teachers will be reaching out to you directly if they would like to hold a conference. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress, please feel free to reach out to them. Monday, February 20, school will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments. The best way to reach us is by email.

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Units

February: Groundhogs, Valentines, Presidents, Dental hygiene, Black History, 100th Day of School

March: Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, Dr. Seuss' birthday, Lent, Saint Patrick's Day, Spring, wind

- Please send a school fleece or sweater for the classroom in case your child is cold in the building.
- Please label everything that you would like returned to your house. Over the years, we have had a very high rate of return for misplaced items that were clearly labeled.

Important Dates

- 2/14 Valentine exchange (Send a shoebox by Feb. 13 and Valentines by February 14.)
- 2/17 School Closed for Parent/Teacher conferences
- 2/20 School Closed for Presidents Day
- 2/21 Mexican Fiesta
- 2/22 Ash Wednesday
- 3/3 Blue & Gold Day
- 3/4 Father Daughter Dance
- 3/24 School Closed Student//Teacher Holiday
- 3/27 School Closed Teacher Work Day
- 4/3 Spring dress begins
- 4/6 - 4/14 Easter Break
- 4/21 Blue and Gold Day
- 4/29 Gala Auction
- 5/5 Blue and Gold Day
- 5-8 Book Fair and Art Show
- 5/12 Grandparents' Day, JK-5 Spring Concert, Spring Musical
- 5/26 11:30 Dismissal
- 5/29 School Closed for Memorial Day
- 6/2 Blue and Gold Day
- 6/7 Kindergarten Ceremony and last day for kindergarten

Social Studies

Students say prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance each day. We are learning about famous black Americans.

Math

We continued our Math Journals this week. Each day we graph the weather for the day, add

a number to our calendar, draw a circle in our 180 day ten frame chart, and color in a number in our 100s chart. We composed and decomposed numbers up to 10. We finished subtraction. Please have your child practice counting by ones, fives, and tens to 100. Next week, we will begin our unit on time, practice time to the hour with clocks, read *The Very Grouchy Ladybug*, make a ladybug out of an egg carton and play February themed math games.

We are into our unit on Time (first) and Money (second).
Please use everyday teachable moments to help reinforce these skills.

Math Practice at Home

Tell the time on a clock in your house to the hour or half hour.
Identify coins and count change.
Add or subtract items in your house or while shopping at the store.
Group and count objects in your house.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

We continued fluency passages. Each passage focuses on a particular word family, consonant blend, or digraph. Please have your child read these passages to you at home. Students are learning to blend sounds to read consonant-vowel-consonant words. Please continue to practice sight words at home. 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.

Reading Practice at Home

Please let your child read a decodable reader (word family focused), or leveled reader book to you each night. We'd also encourage you to read to your child each night as well. The effect size for both is great.

Listen to a story.
Read at least one story or fluency passage to an adult each night.
Practice reading nonsense words or other cvc words.
Practice sight words.

Religion

We read a Bible story each day, prayed and talked about how God led the Israelites to the promised land. We also have a science related devotion each day and we are learning a lot about God's amazing world. Kindergarten had a religion trivia contest and did very well.

Science

Kindergarteners enjoyed exploring magnets in the STEM lab.

<https://www.steamda.com/summer-experience>

<https://www.steamda.com/schoolyearprograms>

Steam Discovery Academy: <https://www.steamda.com/charlottesville>

Other Information

2022/2023 Student/Parent Handbook

<https://cvillecatholic.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9b38293f7bcd2ecbc2bab7c88&id=a89cb5f427&e=fdab17459c>

[Charlottesville Catholic School Uniform Policy](#)

Kindergarten website

<https://sites.google.com/cvillecatholic.org/ccs-kindergarten-website/home>

Songs and story links:

Hartman Penguin dance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf0uKmKwnKs>

[Kids Worship: Psalm 23](#)