

Junior Kindergarten Newsletter

Week of February 14, 2022

We had a great time this week reading “Stone Soup”. The students were able to “make” stone soup at their library center. They used the book to retell and make the soup with some plastic vegetables in a bowl.

Reading groups started this week. They did a good job getting used to rotating between centers. More practice and they will be able to do it with little prompting. I hope they enjoyed being able to have their own books to “read”.

I changed our religious education this week to learning about the bible hero David and the slaying of Goliath. The focus was on God’s love for us and his presence to protect us.

The students had so much fun with our sink and float activity that I am sending out an email to everyone asking for some fruits or vegetables we can test to see if they sink or float.

Academics

1. In religious education we will be learning about St. Valentine and the true nature of Valentine’s day which is love and friendship. I have read alouds to go with it.
2. Reading groups have started and we will continue to learn the routine with centers. In the writing center each week they will be drawing a picture on a particular topic and then dictating a sentence. This is a pre-writing skill. They also have a library center and on Friday they will have STEM. building, art, puzzles, and science/explore centers. We do these throughout the week but I want to dedicate a specific time on Friday for this.
3. Our letter for next week will be letter L and we continue to review the letter sounds we have learned.
4. I introduced rhyming words this week and will continue with that.
5. We continue our measurement unit in math. They had fun measuring themselves using cubes.
6. I will start a unit on the Rainforest. This will be a hook to learn about differences between humans and animals, types of animals, animal needs, living and nonliving things, and characteristics of a rainforest.

Books: “Slowly, slowly, slowly said the Sloth” by Eric Carle. “The Umbrella” by Jan Brett and other nonfiction books

Other:

- Valentine's Day is Monday. We will have a small celebration that includes a bon voyage for our dear friend Julian. The students will have some snacks and decorate bags for their Valentine’s. Mrs. Little has organized that.

- I am also attaching information about Chick Fil A night that the PTO is organizing. I had never eaten there until I moved to Charlottesville last summer and unfortunately I am addicted. It should be fun.

Yours in Christ,
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CCS Spirit Night

Charlottesville Catholic School

Thursday, February 17th, 5:00 – 8:00 PM



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