



Charlottesville School

Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

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Calendar/Important Dates for conferences

February 16th: School Closed

February 19th: School closed for Presidents Day

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class learned about different kinds of hearts this week. Students went on a virtual safari and learned about the size of all sorts of animal hearts. They then went on a scavenger hunt around the room to find something of a comparable size. Ask your student which animal has the biggest heart! We also learned about how the heart pumps blood and practiced taking our pulse. At the end of the week, we introduced our States of Matter unit and talked about the difference between solids, liquids and gasses. Ms. Shank's class continued our study of the rainforest. We learned the characteristics of a mammal, bird, reptile, fish, and amphibian. We also learned about some of the adaptations of animals in the rainforest such as the chameleon, jaguar, and a sloth. Next the 6th grade science students are going to help the students research their animals and help us build our 3D rainforest in the hall. We will continue our study and talk about animals that are carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores and make our own human food chain.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class continued to play with graphs this week. Students graphed different manipulatives, such as bears and paper clips. We are practicing looking at a graph and determining which answer has the most and which has the least. Ms. Shank's class will continue working on measurement and start graphing.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class reviewed the letters they have learned thus far with whole-class review games and independent stations. Students practiced the sight word "am." We also started doing phonics exercises each day, working on rhyme and isolating the first and last sound of a word. Ms. Shank's class worked . This continued our work with syllables. We reviewed rhyming words and they will be assessed. We also completed an assessment of the letters that we have learned recently. Our letter for next week will be Ll. . Our book for next week will be "Going Places". Our sight words will be "Go and On".

Theology

Ms. Wawner's class learned about Lent this week and how Catholics try to pray, fast, and give. Ms. Shank's students also learned about Lent.

Other News and Reminders

- On Friday, February 16, school will be 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 19, school will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.
- All adults who will be working with/supervising students (including chaperoning on field trips) need to be VIRTUS-trained. We will be holding another VIRTUS session on Saturday, February 24 from 9:00-12:00 at CCS. Please use the following link to sign up for this session:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

FIRST WEEK OF LENT—A SEASON FOR REFLECTION

CRS Rice Bowls were distributed this week, the charitable Lenten program from Catholic Relief Services. Your alms given to this cause will help support the work of CRS in over 100 countries. Twenty-five percent of the donations collected via the Rice Bowls stay in our local Richmond Diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. The other seventy-five percent will assist in CRS causes worldwide. Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent.

During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

Virtus Training Session

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