



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter

### Kindergarten

### 02/15/2024

#### **Teacher's Message/Announcements**

- **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](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

Students love spending time with their middle school faith buddies and book buddies.

Please send a small box by Thursday, March 16 to build a Leprechaun trap.

Please send a well rinsed 64 ounce milk or juice carton by Monday, March 25.

Please send in 12 plastic eggs filled with small prizes such as stickers or small toys by Monday, April 3. (The eggs will be put in a community pile and redistributed among classmates- your child will not take home all of the same eggs that he or she brought.)

We will have kindergarten homework in March and April.

#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

02/19/24- School Closed-Presidents Day

02/26/24-Kindergarten only is closed for the day

## Social Studies

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Students say prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance each day. We learned about famous black Americans and will continue to do that during this Black History Month. We also watched videos and took quizzes on famous black Americans. We also learned about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

## Math

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Students are adding numbers 10-15 this week. The students have also been enjoying centers which include work with a teacher, math binders and math games. The students are enjoying and practicing a lot of skills during math.

Please use everyday teachable moments to help reinforce these skills:

Math Practice at Home

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

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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.

## Theology

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During Theology this week, we watched a short faith movie on the stations of the cross and St. Valentine. We also talked about Lent.

## Science

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This week in science we watched a video on a famous African American who was a botanist. After that, we made flowers with salt dough.