



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

# Charlottesville School

## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten

### February 23, 2024

#### **Emails**

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

February 27th: No Mass

March 4th: School Closed; teacher workday

March 22nd: 11:30 dismissal; end of 3rd quarter

March 28th: 11:30 dismissal

March 29th-April 5th: Easter Break

#### **Science/Social Studies**

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Ms. Wawner's class learned about matter this week and its three different states. We went on a scavenger hunt for solids, liquids, and gasses. We pretended to be atoms and created solids, liquids, and gasses with our bodies, and we made collages of each state. Next week we will learn how water can exist in all three states and do some experiments to showcase matter changing states. Ms. Shank's class continued our study of the rainforest. The 6th grade science students did a wonderful job of helping the students research their animals. Next week we will build our own 3-D rainforest on our bulletin board and talk about food chains and food webs. Lastly we will create our own human food chain on the playground.

#### **Math**

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Ms. Wawner's class started a unit on measurement. This week, we focused on length and how to measure things with non-standard units like cubes, paperclips, and our feet! Next week we will focus on weight. Ms. Shank's class worked on graphing, (eye color, shape sort and graphing, do you like cats or dogs, i.e). We will continue next week. We will also continue math centers where students meet with me in small differentiated groups to work on gaps in their skills.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter L this week and learned the sight word "at." We continue to do our phonetic exercises each day, which helps us learn about rhyme and the first and last sounds of words. Next week, we will focus on the letter J and review the sight words we've learned thus far. We will also start playing more with rhyme and begin an author study of Dr. Seuss. This continued our work with syllables. We reviewed rhyming words and they will be assessed. Ms. Shank's class completed an assessment of the letters that we have learned recently. That assessment will be sent home. Our letter for next week will be Jj. Our book for next week will be "Animal Coverings". Our sight words will be "We and Have". We will also begin an author study of the "Is Your Mama A Llama" series.

## Theology

Ms. Shank's class studied "Who is Jesus". Next week we will look at Jesus' Baptism and what baptism means. Then we will move on to his miracles

## Other News and Reminders

- 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](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)
- SECOND WEEK OF LENT ~ CRS Rice Bowl Story of Hope  
OVERCOMING HUNGER  
In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to read this week's Story of Hope.
- Please join us on Thursday, March 7 at 5:30PM in the gym for our "Light My Path" Capital Campaign kickoff event! Wine and light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be provided for school-aged children (***please note that because middle school children will be staffing childcare, we are unable to accept children under 4 years of age***). RSVPs are required for this event. If you plan on attending, please click the link below.  
[RSVP to Capital Campaign Kickoff](#)
- Mary Poppins, Jr. at CCS! Charlottesville Catholic School's production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins, Jr." will take place on

Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 at 6:30PM in the school gym.  
"Step in Time" and join us for this "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" "Jolly  
Holiday" with Mary Poppins, Bert, and the Banks family! Tickets are \$15  
and can be purchased online at  
<https://events.cvillecatholic.org/mary-poppins-jr/>