



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 all about the Lunar New Year this week and had a great time celebrating. We read stories and watched videos about special traditions and folklore, we crafted firecrackers and dragons, and we practiced using chopsticks. Next week, we will start a unit on states of matter. Ms. Shank's class started our unit on the Rainforest. We talked about the levels of the rainforest and what animals live at each level. The students were assigned their animal for their research project. We also learned about the characteristics of a mammal, reptile, bird, fish, amphibian. The students sorted pictures into the categories. We also read "The Great Kapok Tree" and talked about how trees and plants provide us with oxygen. Deforestation of the forest and the impact on animals was discussed. We also made our own Morpho Butterflies that are native to the Amazon Rainforest. Next week 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 exploring graphs this week. We focused on making bar graphs doing different activities, such as coin flip graphing.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class continued to play with syllables. Students pulled from a syllable mystery box and practiced counting syllables in their first and last names. We learned about the letter F and practiced our new sight word "we." Next week, students will review the letters and sounds we have learned thus far. We will also start incorporating Heggerty Phonic lessons into our literacy time.

Ms. Shank's class worked on the. This week we learned about syllables. The students were also assessed on their letter/sound knowledge of the letters, E, R, U, B, H. Our book for next week will be "Amazing Caves". Our sight words will be "This and Has". We continue to read lots of non-fiction books about the rainforest. The students will also be given about to read about the animal they are researching.

Theology

Ms. Wawner's class learned the story of Joseph and his colorful coat this week. Both Ms. Wawner and Ms. Shank's class will be studying Ash Wednesday and Lent next week.

Other News and Reminders

- The Mexican Fiesta will be held **NEXT TUESDAY**, February 13th from 5-7pm. ***Tickets are required*** so please reserve yours now. Purchase Meal Tickets [HERE](#)
- 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

From Administration:

As Valentine's Day approaches, we are reminded that this year it coincides with Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season. During this time, we are called to fast, abstain, and repent in order to refocus our hearts on the Lord and prepare ourselves for Easter.

Throughout the 40 days of Lent, we are encouraged to distance ourselves from worldly distractions and instead replace them with prayer and practices that bring us closer to

Jesus. Rather than focusing on traditional Valentine's Day gifts, let us celebrate in a new way by showing our love for the One who loves us most.

This February 14th, let us make sacrifices for the Beloved and enter deeper into the True Love that is Christ. By doing so, we can fully embrace the spiritual growth and renewal that comes with the Lenten season.

We will not be having our traditional Valentine's Day parties, but the students are welcome to bring in Valentines to exchange with their friends as this is a lovely way to show our care for one another.