



# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### Kindergarten

### 02/09/2024

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

##### February 9, 2024

- Assessments for incoming Kindergarten students for the 2024-2025 school year will take place on Monday, February 26. Current Kindergarten students will NOT have school that day.
- 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](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)

Please send a shoebox for our Valentine exchange by Monday, February 13. Your child will decorate it at school and use it to hold valentines from classmates on February 14th. Please send in a valentine for each classmate. A class list is being sent home. As far as treats, please refer to the list of approved food items in FACTS; non-food treats are always a great option! Treats that are received will be sent home with students.

***Because of the sheer volume of treat items that will likely come in for Valentine's Day and likely not in their original packaging, the school nurse will NOT be checking each item. For that reason we will be sending everything home for parents to approve.***

For students' star weeks: Please don't send in any goodie bags. We do not allow them in school.

This spring at Charlottesville Catholic School we will be offering a variety of after-school clubs. Below you will find some information on the offerings. Each CCS staff-led club will cost \$175.00 per student. The cost will go towards supplies and compensation for teachers. Please read about the clubs below and contact the instructor directly if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the clubs will be billed through FACTS.

[Spring 2024 Archangel Clubs](#)

### **Calendar/Important Dates**

02/13/24 Mexican Fiesta 5:00-7:00p.m. tickets must be purchased if you would like to attend

2/14 Valentine exchange (Send a shoebox by Feb. 13 and Valentines by February 14.) Ash Wednesday

02/16/24-School closed-Parent/Teacher Conferences (Optional) Please email Mrs. Draper or Mrs. Zartler if you want a conference so we can set up a time for you.

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.

## **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.

## **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 finished our own Catholic Bee in the classroom and the students were able to answer some of the questions from the 2-4th grade and 5-8 Catholic Bee questions. It was AWESOME!!! I was so impressed by our amazing students! We also continued to talk about prayer. We mentioned that prayer is talking and listening to God. Also, praising God includes singing to him.

## Science

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This week in science we watched a video on Chinese New Year and created our own Chinese New Year headbands. We also had our own parade around our classrooms. The kindergarteners also learned about bees and why they are important. We made bees with salt dough.