



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

March 17, 2023

Calendar/Important Dates

Friday, March 17: Camp4Real Kids Night Out

Friday, March 24 & 27: School Closed

Thursday, April 6th: Passion play put on by the 4th graders, dismissal at 11:30, no aftercare

April 7-16: Easter break

Monday, April 17th: School resumes

Friday, April 21: Blue and Gold Day

Thursday, May 4th: May Crowning

Friday, May 12: Grandparents Day, JK-5 Spring concert, and the musical Aladdin.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class started learning about time this week by talking about how and why humans keep time. We created our own sundials and confirmed that they work (but only when the wind isn't blowing them away!). We started looking at electric clocks and paying attention to how the second hand travels around to the count of 60. We will continue our study of time next week by focusing on morning, afternoon, and night, and eventually trying to understand the hour hand on a clock. Ms. Shank's class also worked on time. We set a timer for one minute while we sat quietly. The students were surprised how long a minute was. We worked with play clocks and read them to the hour. Then the students got their own clocks and set them to different hours of the day. We are also working on subitizing numbers to 20 using ten frames and by grouping numbers. This entails students quickly looking at ten frames or groups and saying the numbers. The students are learning how to count up from ten and add two groups together while doing this. Next week we will be reviewing graphing and patterns.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter Q this week. We practiced staying quiet for 2 minutes(!), practiced writing question marks, and we read about quilts and made our own class

quilt out of paper. We added the sight word "like" to our growing list. We will be reviewing all of our sight words and letters we have learned thus far next week. In Ms. Shank's class we read lots of books having to do weather and rain to fit with our weather unit. We are almost finished with our formal handwriting workbook. We have been working on sentences, (what makes a sentence, punctuation, and what is the difference between a statement and a question). In writing the students continue to draw pictures and dictate sentences. Next week our sight word will be "on". I am completing letter sound assessments and those will be sent home shortly.

Religion

Ms. Shank's class focused on St. Patrick and the trinity, 3 persons in one God. Our 8th grade faith buddies came to help us make a Trinity Shamrock. We also talked about Baptism. Some students brought in pictures of their baptism and were excited to share with the class. Next week we will be studying John the Baptist and Jesus' own baptism. We will also begin our Easter study. We will be completing the Stations of the Cross outside with our 8th grade faith buddies. Ms. Wawner's class learned the story of The Good Samaritan. Students were able to retell the story by acting it out with props. We made Good Samaritan telescopes and tried to catch people being kind and lending a helping hand. We also learned about Saint Patrick and will have a scavenger hunt with our faith buddies on Friday that has students learning more about Saint Patrick.

Science

Ms. Wawner's class started a weather unit. We began by talking about different types of weather and matching them to the seasons. We played dress up with what we wear in different types of weather, while learning the phrase, "there is no bad weather, just bad clothing." We then learned about clouds-what they are made of, why they float, how they move, and the different kinds of clouds. We also learned about rainbows and how white light refracts into 7 different colors! Next week we will continue our weather unit. Ms. Shank's class is learning about weather also. We learned about cloud types and what kind of weather they signal. We will incorporate that into our daily weather report during calendar time. We learned about the water cycle and made rain in a cup. Next week we will continue exploring the weather and make some weather tools used to help measure the weather.