



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

March 22, 2024

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Calendar/Important Dates

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

March 28th: 11:30 dismissal

March 29th-April 5th: Easter Break

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class started talking about the weather this week. We brainstormed different types of weather and how we might prepare for it. We then focused on clouds and rainbows. Students learned three main types of clouds and are practicing identifying them. We also learned that rainbows are made by sunlight reflecting off water and we made our own tiny rainbows with cups of water and sun. Next week we will continue our weather unit. Ms. Shank's class worked on creating a map of our own community. We talked about how roads are set up, how they connect and where buildings would be next to a road for entrance and exit. The students colored pictures of a community helpers building. We taped it to paper bags and created a diorama in the hall. The students also had fun making silly putty for science. Next week we will just do some fun science experiments. When we come back we will start a unit on weather and Spring.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class finished our unit on time and have started to review sequencing teen numbers (and beyond!). We are also going to start practicing writing our letters more intentionally. Ms. Shank's class finished our unit on graphing. However, we still continue to make our weekly question graphs. We will introduce the concept of addition next week. Having good number sense is very important when it comes to addition and subtraction. If

your student is still struggling with counting a group of objects I encourage you to give them a group of coins, buttons, beans, i.e. and have them count a group of the items.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter Ww. It was amazing to see how many words we came up with that started with Ww...at the beginning of the week! We practiced the sight word "and." Next week, we will take time to review our letters and sounds and the sight words we have learned. We will continue to talk about the difference between a question and a statement. Ms. Shank's class is still working on the difference between a question and what is a statement.

Theology

Ms. Wawner's class talked about what a miracle is and learned about some of the miracles that Jesus performed. We listened to the stories of Jesus calming the storm, Jesus feeding 5,000, and Jesus healing a blind man. Next week, we will talk about the story and meaning of Easter. Mrs. Shank's class talked about Palm Sunday. Next week we will talk about Jesus' road to Easter and the resurrection.

Other News and Reminders

- Our JK field trip to Wildrock is just around the corner when we return from spring break. It will be Friday, April 19th. We will be sending out information via email soon. We are looking for chaperones for that day, so please let your child's teacher know if you are available.
- Lost and found will be cleaned out at the end of this quarter, 3/22/24. Please remind your child to look there for any missing items, specifically winter coats that they think are in their locker, but actually are not. We will be donating any items left behind.
- Mass for Tuesday, March 26 has been canceled. Students do not need to be in formal dress that day.
- Spring Dress begins on Monday, April 8 (when we return from Easter Break)



Reminder: The Father/Daughter Dance is TOMORROW (Saturday, March 23) from 6:00PM-8:00PM. While online ticket sales have closed, you may buy tickets at the door.

Dear CCS Families,

We are excited to announce a rare and extraordinary opportunity for your child: the chance to witness a partial total solar eclipse firsthand. On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will occur in North America, and we will offer education and limited viewing time for students. Although we are not in the path of totality, we expect to see over 86% coverage.

We understand that witnessing such a celestial event can be both thrilling and educational, but safety remains our top priority. Rest assured that we will take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of your child during this event.

Here are some measures we will be implementing to keep your child safe:

Supervision: Faculty and staff members will be present at all times to supervise the students during the viewing event. They will guide the students on proper usage of solar viewing devices, and will ensure that everyone follows safety protocols.

Education on Safety: Prior to the eclipse, our teachers will conduct educational sessions to inform students about the science behind solar eclipses and the importance of using proper eye protection or viewing devices. We will emphasize the necessity of following safety guidelines to prevent any risk of eye damage.

Controlled Viewing Environment: The viewing location will be carefully selected to provide a clear and unobstructed view of the eclipse. We will set up designated viewing areas where students can safely observe the eclipse under the guidance of our staff.

We believe that this rare astronomical event presents a valuable learning opportunity for our students, and we are committed to making it a safe and memorable experience for everyone involved. Because the projected time-frame of this event coincides with afternoon carline, students may only be able to see the very beginning stages of the eclipse while at school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the eclipse please visit <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/>

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your child. We look forward to sharing this remarkable experience with them.

In Christ's love,

Vada Fallica, Principal

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