



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

March 7th, 2025

Teacher's Message/Announcements

JK Field Trip to Wildrock

JK will take their spring field trip to Wildrock on **Friday, March 28th**. We will leave CCS at 9am and return around 1:30pm. Please fill out the CCS field trip permission slip and the Wildrock form and return to your child's teacher no later than **Wednesday, March 12th**. If you are interested in chaperoning, please indicate that on the form and we will be in touch.

Immunization and School Entrance Health Forms

Students enrolling in **Kindergarten** need to have a [Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Health form](#). Physicals, including updated immunizations, must have been **on or after August 20th, 2024**. Please **submit the entire document**. This form should not require an additional doctor's visit if they have been seen within this time frame. Many doctor's offices get busy over the summer with form requests, please ask for this as soon as possible. Your child **CAN NOT** attend school until these papers are provided and are reviewed by the school nurse. Feel free to start sending them in from now.

Upcoming Virtus Training Sessions

CCS will be holding a Virtus training session on Saturday, March 22, from 11:00AM to 3:00PM. If you plan to chaperone any spring field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained, so please consider signing up for one of these two sessions. You may register at this link:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

Important Dates

Thursday, March 13th: 11:30 dismissal

Friday, March 14th: No School

Monday, March 17th: No School; PD for teachers

Friday, March 28th: JK Field Trip to Wildrock

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Math

Ms. Wawner's class continued our exploration of measurement this week with balance scales and measuring cups. We spent the first part of the week talking about weight and used our balance scales to determine which objects were heavier/lighter. We also weighed items with marbles. We ended the week talking about capacity and played with different bottles/jugs to see how much they held. We focused on the vocabulary words, empty, $\frac{1}{2}$ full and full. Next week, we will talk about measuring time. Ms. Shank's class continued our study of math tools. We used cubes to measure ourselves. We explored telling time to the hour and we got to use Nurse Q's scale to measure how much we weighed. Next week we will begin a unit on number bonding, ($5 + 5 = 10$, $6 + 4 = 10$, i.e.).

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class had fun reading Dr. Seuss books this week. We particularly liked *Yertle the Turtle* and *Gertrude McFuzz*, both stories with rhyme and a strong moral. We learned how to identify rhyming words and we have started practicing how to listen for the rhyme and make rhymes of our own. We played Rhyme Bingo, Race to the Rhyme and will continue to play rhyming games in the coming weeks. We also learned the letter Jj. Next week, we will focus on the letter Qq and the sight word "to." Ms. Shank's class doubled up on our letters by learning about Rr and Ss. Next week is a short week so we will only learn about the letter Tt. We also started our guided writing. I give the students a topic and we talk about how there is a beginning of the story that is descriptive, a middle that lays out the problem, and a solution to a story where the problem gets fixed. I gave them a prompt of a "Fireman". The students even gave him a name, John. Afterward the students drew a picture to go with the story. Our next author study will be Kevin Henkes who wrote "Lily's Plastic Purse".

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class talked about Lent this week and how Catholics pray, fast, and give alms. We brainstormed ways we can speak to God throughout the day, what we could give up, and how we may serve others. We will learn about Saint Patrick begin talking about the Trinity next week. Ms. Shank's class focused on Ash Wednesday and Lent. We will continue with that and introduce the concept of the Trinity.

Science and Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class played with magnets this week! We talked about how magnets have a north and south pole and students learned how they can attract or repel. We used magnetic wands to investigate what is and is not magnetic in our classroom. We played magnet tricks with paper clips, string and magnets, and Mr. Bruscia lent us magnetic hockey games. Finally, we made magnetic slime to cap off our week. Next week, we will start our unit on weather, which should take us through much of March. Ms. Shank's class explored concepts with matter. We made

oobleck and fluff where we talked about the difference between physical and chemical reactions. We will begin our weather unit next week.