



# Charlottesville School

## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten

### April 12, 2024

#### **Emails**

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#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

Friday, April 19th: JK field trip to Wildrock

Friday, May 10th: Grandparents and Great Friends day

Friday, May 24th: ½ day; 11:30 dismissal

Monday, May: No school; Memorial Day

#### **Science/Social Studies**

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Ms. Wawner's class finished their unit on weather this week by focusing on storms, specifically lightning, thunder and wind. Students created static electricity with a balloon, we made the sound of thunder by popping bags, we created storm art and will make wind socks on Monday. Next week, we will start a unit on insects. Ms. Shank's class started our unit on weather and Spring. We learned about different cloud types and what weather you would find associated with that cloud type. We are also incorporating that into our daily weather forecast. Whoever is the calendar helper for that day needs to tell what cloud type and what weather. We completed an experiment called rain in a glass. We are also going to be learning about the water cycle and each child will create the water cycle in a bag. Next week we will learn about instruments that help us determine concepts of weather. We will make windsocks, anemometer to determine the strength of the wind, and learn about extreme weather.

#### **Math**

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Ms. Wawner's class started practicing addition this week. Students learned how to read a number sentence and how to identify and write the plus and equals symbol. We used the part/part/whole concept to understand that two numbers can be put together to make a larger

number. We will continue to practice addition next week and then start practicing subtraction. Ms. Shank's class continues to work on the concept of addition being a part-part-whole. We may begin subtraction next week. I have begun assessing students regarding their number sense. Copies will be sent home.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter V this week and the sight word it. We started an author study on Eric Carle. Students learned how he is both an author and an illustrator and talked about a few things his books have in common. We will be reading lots of his stories over the next few weeks, which pairs nicely with our insect unit. This week, we read "The Very Busy Spider" and students acted it out with stick puppets. Ms. Shank's class worked on writing a new story about Hoppy the rabbit and his friend Duck. We also worked on the letter Zz. In some reading groups we are learning about word families. Other groups are still working on letter sound. Next week we will finish our study of the alphabet with the letter Q. I am currently assessing letter and sound knowledge. I will be sending these home as well.

## Theology

Ms. Wawner's class will start talking about being good stewards of God's creation—our earth! Ms. Shank's class learned about certain saints who were visited by Mary.

## Other News and Reminders

- Our field trip to Wildrock is on Friday, April 19th. Please make sure all permission slips and the Wildrock Waiver are turned in ASAP. If you are a driver, please return the driver form and provide a hard or electronic copy of your insurance, if you have not done so. Thank you!
- Save the Date! Our annual **Grandparents and Great Friends Day will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024**. Students in JK-5th are encouraged to invite their grandparents or another special visitor to join them at school that day. More information, including an RSVP form, will be in next week's Tuesday Teller.
- **Call for Art Show Volunteers (STUDENT AND PARENT OPPORTUNITIES)**  
Mrs. Devlin needs help mounting, labeling and hanging student art for our annual All CCS Art Show. Prep work begins now and the show will be hung Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th, The Open House will take place after school Wednesday, May 8th. Food and Beverages will be needed. Please see the SignUp Genius linked here to sign up.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA9A82BA46-49042420-2024>
- **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, 2023. 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.