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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

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Calendar/Important Dates

Friday, May 10th: Grandparents and Great Friends day

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

Monday, May: No school; Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 4th: Last day of school for JK

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner began a unit on insects. We started by brainstorming all the insects we know and thought about things they have in common. We have learned that insects all have a 3-part body, 6 legs, antennae, and an exoskeleton. We also brainstormed ideas about where insects live and what they eat. At the end of the week, we focused on ladybugs. We labeled the parts of a ladybug and created an art project featuring them. Next week we will learn about an insect's life cycle. 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

Ms. Wawner's class continued to practice addition this week. Students are able to count a group of one thing and then count a group of another and come up with the sum. We are using manipulatives, part/part/whole mats, stations with games, and worksheets to practice this concept. 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 Y this week. We read the book Extra Yarn and talked about the characters, setting, and plot (the who, where, what of a story). We created sweaters made of extra yarn and students came up with who they would give it to you and why. We practiced the sight word "in." Instead of memorizing these words, we are working on decoding them by breaking them apart into sounds. We continue our author study of Eric Carle. 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 talked about different ways we can take care of our earth. Ms. Shank's class learned about certain saints who were visited by Mary.

Other News and Reminders

- 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. There will be 2 sessions for visits—JK through 2nd grade at 8:45AM (**check-in from 8:30AM-8:45AM**), and 3rd through 5th grades at 10:45AM (**check-in between 10:30AM and 10:45AM**). Those visiting multiple students are welcome to attend both sessions. [Please fill out this RSVP form](#) **no later than Friday, May 3** so that we can properly plan for the day.
- **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.