

## Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

# Kindergarten 04/18/2024

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- 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

#### Calendar/Important Dates

04/27/24 CCS Gala Auction

Please continue to have your child memorize their address and phone number because some still don't know them. This is a very important skill that is on their report card.

Thank you for all of your support with the recent addition of homework. We will be done with homework for the year at the end of this month. But, we do have an animal research project due in May. **Animal project - due Friday, May 17** - Each student should choose an animal of his or her choice, do a little research with help from a parent, and build a model of that animal using recycled materials. We will send home the animal research sheet to fill out. This sheet should be handed in with the project. Kindergarten students have created some really amazing animals in the past and we look forward to watching the kindergarten class of 2024 shine.

## Social Studies

Students say prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance each day. We focused on science this week.

#### Math

Students are reviewing two dimensional shapes as well as coins. The students have also been enjoying centers which include work with a teacher, using math manipulatives to review certain skills, math binders and math games. The students are enjoying and practicing a lot of skills during math. We are also having the students recognize coins and telling time to the hour.

### Language Arts/Reading/Writing

We continued fluency passages. Each passage focuses on a particular word family, consonant blend, or digraph. Please have your child read these passages to you at home.

## Theology

During Theology this week, we talked about praying as a church community, alone and as a family. We read a book called Blueberries for Sal and talked about the differences and similarities of each of the four characters. The book also spoke about the different creations made by God and why they are special to us. The students also learned about how much Adam took care of the animals and named them all. Then, we spoke about who named us and why our parents named us that specific name. We also have a science related devotion each day and we are learning a lot about God's amazing world.

#### Science

We continued to talk about reducing items we use, reusing items and recycling different types of material. The students also talked about compost as well as colored and read another book about how they can help the Earth. Also, the students finished reusing boxes to make really cool items with them. They are displayed in the hallway next to our classroom. We also watched a few short videos about how important it is to reduce, reuse and recycle our beautiful world that God created for us.

#### VA Safari Park field trip important information

May 2: Please leave booster seats out front during morning drop off. We will plan to leave at 8:30. If you are driving students, please be in carline out front by 8:15. We will bring students out to you. We plan to return by 2:30. Students should wear comfortable closed toe shoes and blue/gold shirts and either school blue shorts or jeans. A hat is recommended. Please pack a snack and lunch for your child including a water bottle. Make sure your child eats a good breakfast. Please put sunscreen on your child before school. Once students arrive at the VA Safari Park, they will go to the bathroom and then follow the path to explore the walking/petting zoo. Feeding the birds is a lot of fun. The wagon will pull out at 11:30. Chaperones will take students to the bathroom and be at the wagon area at 11:00. Each student will be given a bucket of feed to feed the animals that come up to the wagon. The wagon ride will take about 45 minutes. Around 12:15, we will have lunch at the picnic tables located by the entrance. After lunch, chaperones will take students to the bathroom and load up cars for the return trip to school. It should be a great day! http://www.virginiasafaripark.com/