



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

April 21, 2023

Calendar/Important Dates

Friday, April 21: Blue and Gold Day/JK Earth Day Celebration (service and picnic)

Thursday, May 4th: May Crowning

Friday, May 12: Grandparents Day, JK-5 Spring concert, and the musical Aladdin.

Friday, May 26: 11:30 Dismissal; no aftercare.

Monday, May 29: School closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 7th: Last day of school for Junior Kindergarten

Math

Ms. Shank's class will continue to work on our addition unit. We learned how to read number sentences and other vocabulary words such as equation and sum. Next week we will introduce subtraction. Ms. Wawner's class reviewed money and coins this week. We will begin our unit on addition and subtraction next week.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter V this week. We have started working on rhyme by introducing short poems during Language Arts. We focused on non-fiction books this week, as we read a lot about the insects we are studying in Science. Ms. Shank's class will continue with reading groups. We are reading books about insects in reading groups. Some groups will be working on decoding the -ap word family. In conjunction with our insect unit, we are doing an author study of the illustrator and author Eric Carle. We are reading lots of books he has written and illustrated. The students have watched videos on how he creates his illustrations using collages. We have been creating our own Eric Carle textured papers using different mediums, (tempera paint, crayons, markers, and pastels) to eventually create our own butterfly collage.

Religion

JK had a great meet and greet with Father David this week and was able to ask him all sorts of questions. Ms. Wawner's class reviewed the role of a priest at the beginning of the week to prepare to meet Father David. We also started talking about how we can be good stewards of the earth. We spoke about why it's important for us to be kind to earth and different things we can do each day to take care of it. Ms. Shank's class learned about miracles. We talked about how we often use that word without realizing that a true miracle comes from God and can only be performed by God. We read about the first miracle of changing the water into wine and how Jesus heals people. Next week we will read about how Jesus fed the 5,000. Their faith buddies will be joining us to complete a craft to go with this. In May we will have the May crowning and begin our whole school rosary outside.

Science

Ms. Wawner's class started a unit on insects this week. We learned about the specific characteristics of insects as well as different parts of their body. We focused on ants and ladybugs for reviewing parts of an insect. We are excited to receive caterpillars and prey mantis' next week so we can learn about an insect's life cycle while observing them. Ms. Shank's class also began a unit on insects and are looking forward to the arrival of our caterpillars and praying mantis. After learning the characteristics of insects they were surprised to learn spiders are not insects.

Other

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: On the morning of June 7th we will have a closing celebration to finish off our JK year. At that time the students will sing some songs and share some of the things that they have learned this year. This is the last day of school for Junior Kindergarten. Kindergarten through 7th grade's last day is on the 8th.