



Charlottesville School

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 finished our weather unit by making windsocks. We haven't had a chance to try them out as we haven't had much wind. We will begin our insect unit next week. Our caterpillars have already turned into chrysalis. When they hatch into butterflies we will take them out to the courtyard by the Chapel and release them. Our ladybugs are still in their larval stage.

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 has been working on subtraction.

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 has been reviewing the letters and sounds. Some reading groups are working on short vowel CVC word families. We will also begin a study of the author Eric Carle.

Theology

Ms. Wawner talked about different ways we can take care of our earth. Ms. Shank's class will begin a unit on Mother Mary. The school will begin our daily decade of the Rosary in May.

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>
- **The Scholastic Book Fair is coming the Week of May 6-10!!** It will be open during your child's usual Library class times, first for creating their Wish List and later for shopping. The Fair will also be open Wednesday evening during the Art Show Open House and Friday morning during Grandparents and Great Friends Day.

You are more than welcome to come and help your child shop, or if you would prefer to have your child shop on their own, [you may set up an e-wallet](#) for them. Details will be on the Scholastic Flyer that goes home next week. Scholastic also takes credit cards, checks and cash.

Please consider signing up to help with the book fair. We need lots of hands to help make this event a success! [Visit the Sign Up Genius here for available slots.](#)

- **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.



ART OPEN HOUSE

Charlottesville Catholic School

Wednesday, May 8th from 4 to 6 p.m.



OPEN HOUSE DETAILS

Commence at 4 with musical performances by Ms. Wisbey's Middle School Music Improv Group and the Elementary Chorus Club.

Indulge in our reception while admiring over 1200 pieces of art chosen for this year's exhibition.

Engage in our enjoyable family art-making activities and contribute to our local Pediatric Cardiac Care unit with a donation. Our NJHS will oversee the free activities and donations.

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“As my 4th heart surgery approaches later this year, I feel blessed and grateful for the CCS community. THANK YOU, CCS, for supporting Pediatric Cardiology at UVA Health Children's. Your donation helps kids like me live life and DREAM big!” - Olivia

