



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

April 27, 2023

Calendar/Important Dates

Tuesday, May 2nd: May Crowning

Monday, May 8-Friday, May 12: Book Fair and Art Show

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 and subtraction unit. Ms. Wawner's class started focusing on addition this week. We have been practicing it all year through our Question of the Day review, but this week we introduced the part/part/whole method. We started by adding ourselves in two parts. Then we moved on to simple word problems to figure out part/part/whole. We will continue to practice addition next week and introduce subtraction.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class learned about the letter Y this week. We played pictionary and charades to familiarize ourselves with words that start with y and the y sound. We read the book, "Extra Yarn" and practiced sewing with yarn to create a letter Y. We also learned the sight word "have" this week. Next week, we will focus on our final letter of the alphabet, X. We will continue to focus on rhyme, specifically -at words.

Ms. Shank's class has spent the last two weeks studying the author and illustrator Eric Carle. We read lots of his stories that fit with our insect unit. We learned how he makes his art and uses a variety of mediums to make the collages for his illustrations. We finished creating all of our papers and will begin our butterfly collage. We began learning about CVC words, (consonant vowel consonant words) and are learning to sound out the letters and blend them together to say the word. I have been amazed at how quickly they caught on and are beginning to use this strategy to read words. We will continue next week with the words in the -an rhyme.

Religion


Ms. Shank's class continued our study of miracles. The students were so excited to have their faith buddies come and help them with their craft to go with the miracle of "Feeding the 5,000". They even had an opportunity to play with them at recess. We will begin our study of Mary, Christ's mother, for the month of May. Ms. Wawner's class continued to focus on how we can take care of God's creation, Mother Earth. We read "I am Kind to Earth when..." and learned all the different practices we can do each day to help our planet. Student's illustrated and shared one way they are planning to show love to the earth. We will have the May crowning and begin our whole school rosary outside.

Science

Ms. Wawner's class is finishing up their insect unit this week. Students created their own insects out of Play-do, pipe cleaners, straws, etc. We learned about an insect's life cycle and created a butterfly's 4-part life cycle with different materials. We started observing our caterpillars and Praying Mantis egg. Our caterpillars have already grown twice their original size! Student's will share their at-home research and illustration on their insect on Friday. Next week, we will begin a unit on Community Helpers. Ms. Shank's class is also finishing our insect unit. We studied the life cycle of the butterfly and the ladybug. We will finish that unit with a study of bees. Our next unit will be on plants. We hope to grow our own plants in the classroom and learn about the parts of a flower.

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.



SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR!
SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Dear Parents and Families,

I'm pleased to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which will take place from May 8-12, 8:00-3:00 (Wed until 5:00) at the Performance Space.

The return of the Book Fair will be a familiar and welcome celebration. Volunteers are crucial to the success of this event. We hope that you can offer your time and talents to help students discover the power of books to bring us together.

If you're available to help us with our upcoming Book Fair, please contact me. I'd be grateful if you'd let me know which Fair activities interest you as a volunteer. We need volunteers to help with:

- Advertising
- Decorating
- Setting up the Fair
- Helping shoppers at the Fair
- Cashiering
- Packing up the Fair
- Special events

Thanks for considering becoming a volunteer! I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,

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