

## Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

# Kindergarten

April 28, 2023

Kindergarten had an exciting week! We watched our beans grow sprouts and the seeds we planted last Friday produce sprouts. We enjoyed the second grade Trashion show. The Rockfish Wildlife presentation was very enjoyable. We saw a corn snake, turtle, and opossum. Our caterpillars arrived and are growing! We also have a praying mantis case and ladybugs. This is the last week of kindergarten homework. Please continue to read to your child daily.

The VA Safari Park field trip is Monday, May 1. We appreciate all of our amazing chaperones!

Monday, May 1: 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. 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 eat a snack and then follow the path to explore the walking/petting zoo. Feeding the birds is a lot of fun. Your child may wish to bring \$2 to buy a bird feed stick. The wagon will pull out at 11:30. Chaperones will take students to the bathroom and be at the wagon area at 11:15. 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 12:30, 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! <a href="http://www.virginiasafaripark.com/">http://www.virginiasafaripark.com/</a>

**Animal project - due Friday, May 19** - Each student should choose an animal, 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 2023 shine.

#### **Important Dates**

- 4/29 Gala Auction
- 5/1 Field trip to the Safari Park- wear blue and gold shirts
- 5/5 Blue and Gold Day
- 5-8 Book Fair and Art Show
- 5/12 Grandparents' Day, JK-5 Spring Concert, Spring Musical
- 5/26 11:30 Dismissal
- 5/29 School Closed for Memorial Day
- 6/2 Blue and Gold Day
- 6/7 Kindergarten Ceremony and last day for kindergarten

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments. The best way to reach us is by email.

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## **Social Studies**

Students say prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance each day.

#### Math

We continued our Math Journals this week. Each day we graph the weather for the day, add a number to our calendar, draw a circle in our 180 day ten frame chart, and color in a number in our 100s chart.

Recite your address and phone number

Math Practice at Home

Tell the time on a clock in your house to the hour or half hour.

Identify coins and count change.

Add or subtract items in your house or while shopping at the store.

Group and count objects in your house.

Recite address and phone number.

## 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.

## Religion

We read a Bible story each day, read a lent devotion, and prayed. We also have a science related devotion each day and we are learning a lot about God's amazing world.

#### Science

We are learning about plants and did some STEM activities related to seeds and plants. Our caterpillars arrived. It is fun to see living things in our classroom.

We will be learning about the different classifications of animals and their characteristics.

https://www.steamda.com/summer-experience

https://www.steamda.com/schoolyearprograms

Steam Discovery Academy: <a href="https://www.steamda.com/charlottesville">https://www.steamda.com/charlottesville</a>

#### Other Information

2022/2023 Student/Parent Handbook

https://cvillecatholic.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9b38293f7bcd2ecbc2bab7c88&id=a89cb5f427&e=fdab17459c

Charlottesville Catholic School Uniform Policy

Kindergarten website

https://sites.google.com/cvillecatholic.org/ccs-kindergarten-website/home

Songs and story links:

Kids Worship: Psalm 23

The Five Ws. The Five W's Song | English Songs | Scratch Garden

□ The Money Song | Penny, Nickel, Dime, Quarter | Jack Hartmann Money Song



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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