



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter

### Junior Kindergarten

### April 6, 2023

#### **Calendar/Important Dates**

**April 7-16:** Easter break

**Monday, April 17th:** School resumes

**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.

#### Math

Ms. Shank's class will continue to review and begin a unit on addition and subtraction. Ms. Wawner's class will also focus on addition and subtraction when we return from spring break.

#### Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Ms. Wawner's class learned about the letter W this week, reviewed our sight words, and continued to practice the difference between questions and statements. When we return from break, we will finish learning the letters and sounds of the alphabet and focus on rhyme.

Ms. Shank's class will continue with reading groups. Some groups will be introduced to decoding. consonant, vowel, consonant words. We will begin with the -at word family as that is often the most familiar due to many children being able to read the word CAT. It is also one of the easiest patterns for them to rhyme. Rhyming helps students see patterns in words. They will not be required to spell these words, just read them. We will however practice writing these words as writing helps the brain memorize what a word looks like. I will be sending home a list of the recent sight words we have learned for practice at home. Since we are starting a unit on insects and life cycles we will be reading lots of books that fit with that unit.

#### Religion

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In Ms. Shank's class we will begin a unit on the miracles of Jesus. Ms. Wawner's class will focus on honoring the earth as God's creation when we return from break, in preparation for Earth Day on April 22nd.

## Science

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Ms. Shank and Ms. Wawner's class will begin looking at insects and insect life cycles. This is an exciting unit for the students as we will have caterpillars that we hope hatch into butterflies and a praying mantis pod we hope will hatch in the classroom for the students to observe. We will have a release party in our school garden.

## Other

### **Field Trip on Friday, April 21**

We will be having our Pen Park service project and field trip on Friday the 21st. We will leave for Pen Park at 10:30am and return around 1:30pm. The students will complete a service project picking up trash in the park, engage in some planned and unplanned play activities, and enjoy a picnic. It should be a fun day. We are looking for 7-8 volunteers to chaperone during that period, as well as volunteers to help provide lunch. Please let us know if you are interested in chaperoning. A sign up genius will be sent to you regarding lunch.

Please make sure that your student has sunscreen on before they come to school. We are unable to apply sunscreen. They will need a filled water bottle with their name. Most students already have water bottles with their name. They will be carrying these themselves. Those of you who have the large metal water bottles may want to reconsider using a plastic water bottle as it will not be as heavy for the student to carry. If they have sun hats they are welcome to bring them.