



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Kindergarten

April 6, 2023

Happy Easter!

Kindergarten had an exciting week! We made bunny baskets in the STEM lab and saw the Passion play.

Our last field trip will be to the VA Safari Park on May 1. Permission forms are due on Friday, April 21. Please see additional information below along with the permission form.

Animal project - due Friday, May 19 - Each student should choose an animal of his or her choice, 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

- 4/7 - 4/14 Easter Break
- 4/21 Blue and Gold Day
- 4/25 Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary at CCS
- 4/29 Gala Auction
- 5/1 Field trip to the Safari Park
- 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.

We will be learning about shapes in April.

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. We saw the fourth grade Passion Play.

Science

Kindergarteners enjoyed creating bunny baskets in the STEM lab.

We will be learning about seeds and will have some STEM activities related to seeds and plants. Our caterpillars will arrive soon after spring break. 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: <https://www.steamda.com/charlottesville>

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](#)

The VA Safari Park field trip is Monday, May 1. We appreciate all of our amazing chaperones! Please think carefully through your work and personal schedule before committing to chaperone. Only those registered as part of our group will be allowed on the Va Safari Park wagon. Parents who agree to take three or more students will not need to pay.

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 go to the bathroom 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 12:15, 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! <http://www.virginiasafaripark.com/>



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Christ Community Scholars

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Your son/daughter is eligible to participate in a school sponsored activity requiring transportation to a location away from the school building. This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of employees from Charlottesville Catholic School. A brief description of the activity follows:

Name of Event: VA Safari Trip

Educational Objective: Describe what plants and animals need to survive. Describe simple changes in life cycles of plants and animals. Explain connections between the places an animal or plant lives and how it meets its needs.

Sponsor of Activity: Kindergarten

Date and time of departure: Monday, May 1 at 8:30

Date and time of return: 2:30

Method of transportation: Cars

Please return this form by: Friday, April 21.

If you would like your child to participate in this event, please complete, sign, and return the following statement of consent and release of liability. As parent or legal guardian, you remain fully responsible for any legal responsibility which may result from any personal actions taken by the named student.

I request and give permission for my child, _____, to participate in the event described above. I understand that this event will take place away from the school grounds and that my child will be under the supervision of the designated school employee on the stated dates. I further consent to the conditions stated above on participation in this event, including the method of transportation. I also give the school permission to obtain emergency medical treatment for my child during the course of this trip.

(Print Parent's Name)

(Parent's Signature)

Contact person in case of emergency _____ Phone number _____

I am willing to DRIVE _____ AND I HAVE _____ # OF SEAT BELTS FOR STUDENTS.
Name and cell phone number of driver _____

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- Drivers must have a Volunteer Driver Information Form on file in the office.
 - Drivers will not deviate from intended itinerary.
 - To enter a military base you must have a military sticker or your car insurance papers and your car registration with you.
 - Students under 57" height must be properly restrained in a child safety seat or booster seat to be provided by parents.
 - Diocesan policy requires two adults per car when possible. All adult (21 & older) chaperones must have attended VIRTUS training.
 - We regret that no siblings may accompany us.