



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

May 9, 2025

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Important Dates

Friday, May 9: Grandparents & great friends day

Friday, May 23: Field Day and 11:30 dismissal

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day; School closed

Monday, June 2: Last day of school for JK

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Announcements

Our annual May Crowning will be held on Tuesday, May 13 during Mass. At the beginning of Mass, all students will present flowers to Mary. Each student is asked to bring in one (1) long-stemmed flower that morning.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class continued to play with subtraction. We learned how to listen to word problems, come up with the math sentence in them, and solve it. Some students like to use the picture method to solve equations, while others like to use the number line. We will start off next week playing review games for both addition and subtraction.

Ms. Shank's class began our unit on subtraction. We are using manipulatives to practice subtracting. We will also be reviewing units that we have learned throughout the year.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class continued our alphabet review with our ABC Countdown. Students built forts, played board games, learned how to hula hoop, went on an insect hunt and told jokes. We continued to read fictional stories that feature a good character and a clear problem and solution, such as "The Sandwich Swap" and "The Little Red Fort." We used those examples to come up with our own class story about a 4 year old who sneaks into a fire station and falls asleep in a fire truck. Students who want to try to create their own fictional story using a storyboard will have the opportunity to next week.

Ms. Shank's class continued reviewing sight words as we prepare for kindergarten. We read books highlighting the words *can* and *for*. We focused on the letter Z. We began working on discriminating between letters. We have been practicing reading sentences with our sight words. We continued our author study of Eric Carle that fits with our study of insects. We talked about how he created his illustrations and next week we will all become Eric Carles and create our own art project using his technique.

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class started learning about the fruits of the spirit this week. The first "fruit" we talked about is love. We read the story "The Good Samaritan" and talked about how he showed love for a fellow human he didn't even know. We will continue to focus on other fruits next week.

Ms. Shank's class continued our study of our Holy Mother Mary. We learned about What a Pope is and were so fortunate to watch the white smoke come out of the Vatican chimney and watch the ceremony for the introduction of our new Pope

Science and Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class continued to study insects this week. We have been monitoring our caterpillars and ladybug larva. Both are starting to create pupas and transform! We are also working on our plant project with Mr. Bruscia. This week we transferred half of our plants to outdoor raised beds. We are waiting to see which plants perform better—those in our hydroponic system or those outside.

Ms. Shank's class continued large unit on insects and life cycles. We received our caterpillars and our ladybug larva. The students will be making their own insect and naming it. We will also create our own Eric Carle illustration. We will also begin our study of plants.