



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

August 23, 2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Please send your child in socks and tennis shoes so they can run around the playground with ease.
- Next week you will need to drop your child off in the car line. Be assured that someone will be there to help your child transition from the car to the classroom.
- Some children still need a lap blanket for rest time.

Calendar/Important Dates

Monday, Sep 2, 2024 : Labor Day, No School

Wednesday, Sep 4, 2024 : Back to School Night for JK-5, 6pm

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Math

Students in Ms. Wawner's class were introduced to different math tools we will use over the course of the year and students got to rotate through stations to use them. We also started learning about our calendar, starting with months of the year. Reviewing the date, month, and year will eventually be a part of our morning routine. Next week, we will start a one week unit on colors and color mixing. Ms. Shank's class works on identifying colors and talking about objects that have these colors. We started the calendar and we also looked at the different seasons of the year. Next week we will begin identifying our numbers and counting objects. We start out using a ten frame for that.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Our class read all sorts of books about the first day of school and all the feelings we could have surrounding that. We also read some of the series "How do Dinosaurs..." in the lead up to discussing two of our class rules: taking care of ourselves and taking care of our friends. Next week, we will spend time learning about the importance of names and practicing how to identify and write our name clearly. Learning our names is a nice introduction to learning the letters of the alphabet and their sounds, while also celebrating the uniqueness of each one of us. Ms. Shank's class also talked about rules. We talked about how the rule of kindness is the ultimate rule. If you are kind you will always demonstrate the other rules. We read a story called "Did You Fill Your Bucket?" that emphasized that being kind not only makes others feel loved but also that we feel loved. We read a lot of Pete the Cat books. For example we read "I Love My White Shoes" and the students decorated their own shoes.

Theology/SEL

Students listened to stories about emotions and talked about different emotions we can feel throughout the day. We also talked about ways we can feel better or help make a friend feel better. We will continue to talk about different emotions throughout the first month of school. Next week will talk about God's love and how God made each of us special. Ms. Shank's class also talked about emotions. We also talked about the story of "The Creation" . Next week we will continue that theme of God's Love.

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class spent the week learning about routines and rules we have to keep us safe. We practiced washing our hands, walking in a line in the hallway, and how we conduct ourselves during fire drills. We learned about our classroom through a scavenger hunt and took a tour of the school looking for Pete the Cat's paws. Next week, we will start our first science unit: What is a scientist? Ms. Shank's class also learned about routines, rules, and expectations. We will continue our study of the seasons and summer.

Other Important Information

This year at Charlottesville Catholic School we will be offering a variety of after-school clubs.

Below you will find some information on the offerings. Each CCS staff-led club will cost \$175.00 per session. The cost will go towards supplies and compensation for teachers. Please read about the clubs below and contact the instructor if you are interested in signing up or have further questions. Payment for the classes will be through FACTS.

Tap Dance - Mrs. Mitchell (c.mitchell@cvillecatholic.org)

Grades K - 3 on Mondays from 3:30 - 4:35

Dates: September 30

October 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11, 18

December 2, 9, 16

This energetic and exciting class is designed to provide young dancers with an introduction to the fundamentals of tap dance. Early exposure to the rhythms and unique mind-to-foot connection associated with tap dance will allow students to progress and excel at the art as they move through life.

Students will need tap shoes for the class.

Drama Club - Mrs. Shank (c.shank@cvillecatholic.org)

Grades 3 - 5 on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30

Dates: September 10, 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12

Students will practice each week with a performance on November 16. They will be performing a children's version of The Wizard of Oz. There will be extra rehearsals the week of November 16.

Clay Club - Mrs. Devlin (v.devlin@cvillecatholic.org)

Grades 4 - 8 on Fridays from 3:30 - 4:30

Dates: September 6, 13, 27

October 4, 11

November 1, 8, 22

December 6, 13

We will build our knowledge of ceramics with a focus on hand-building techniques, surface decoration, and an introduction to the potter's wheel.

Students should bring clothes to change into that can get dirty.
