



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten

August 30, 2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- All parents should be dropping their children off at the carline. We will have helpers to bring them to the classroom if they need it.
- Please make sure that water bottles are truly spill proof. We have had a lot of accidents.
- Please make sure that students are only bringing in water to drink. Per the handbook: no juice, milk, soda, gatorade, i.e.
- FYI: We do not attend Mass for the first month. Because the students are very young they need more time to build stamina and understand Mass behavior. You will be notified once we begin going to Mass.

Calendar/Important Dates

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

Tuesday Sep 3rd, 2024: School pictures

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

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Math

Ms. Wawner's class focused on identifying and working with colors this week. We created color collages and color wheels. Both of these activities included the skill of sorting. Next week, we will explore shapes. Ms. Shank's class worked on identifying colors. We also began working on number sense and making sets of numbers through 10 with manipulatives..

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class practiced identifying and writing our names this week. We built and traced our names and created name mosaics. Some students who can already write their name are working on using upper and lowercase letters in the correct places. Many of us are still working on how to hold our markers and the fine motor skill of writing our full name. This is a great activity to practice at home. Next week, we will begin our alphabet study with the letter "s." We will work on identifying the letter and its sound, as well as writing the letter. Ms. Shank's class started an author study of Laura Numeroff's series of books based on "If You Give A Mouse a Cookie:.". We made a paper craft cookie. We also read "If You Give A Moose a Muffin". We are sequencing the story and answering some comprehension questions. We will continue this author study next week by reading some other Laura Numeroff books. After an informal assessment I am finding that many students are not able to identify their letters. For the next several weeks our goal will be to identify our letters before we begin working on our letter sounds. Once completed we will begin working on letter sound. We will also continue to work on comprehension, which we often do through our author studies.

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class talked about how God made us and the world and how much he loves us. Next week, we will talk about different kinds of prayer. Ms. Shank's class worked on learning our prayers. Next week we will make crafts about God's love and the difference between our love and God's immense and unconditional love for us.

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class learned about what a scientist does and the different tools a scientist might use. We discovered the number one thing a scientist does is ask questions! Scientists then try to figure out the answers by experimenting and observing. We did different simple experiments in class to highlight these concepts. Next week, we will start our unit on the 5 senses. Ms. Shank's class investigated what makes day and night and what things we do at night and day. We also learned how the revolution of the earth around the sun creates seasons. We will continue our unit on the Seasons. Looking at the differences between clothing and activities that fit with each season.