



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

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Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten September 1, 2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Please consider VIRTUS training because CCS requires this in order to be able to support in-classroom activities and school trips. The next available sessions in Charlottesville are listed below, but there are also online options available if your schedule needs more flexibility. More details on VIRTUS training is available at: <https://www.virtusonline.org/> (Richmond Diocese).

We are excited to announce our fall Archangel Clubs offerings for our students. We hope to see our students engage in these opportunities so that Charlottesville Catholic School can continue to grow its after-school programming. [Click here for more information on current offerings.](#)

Calendar/Important Dates

Monday, September 4th: Labor Day, no School

Thursday, September 7th: Back to School Night; Virtus Training at Saint Thomas

Tuesday, September 12th: Virtus Training at CCS. To register:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0

Emails

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Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class talked about what a scientist is and how they ask questions, predict answers, experiment, and observe. We learned about different tools scientists use and then we put the scientific method into action by performing a few experiments. Next week, we will start a unit on the 5 senses. Ms. Shank's class continued our unit on kindness. Next week we will begin a unit on symbols of the United States and learning how to say the Pledge of Allegiance. We will also be looking at Day/Night and the reasons for that, as well as what things we do during the day and things we do during the night. This will blend into the following week when we start a unit on seasons.

Math

Ms. Wawner's class reviewed shapes this week. We built shapes out of play-do, made pattern block pictures, and created shape collages. Next week, we will start with numeracy and reviewing our numbers 1-10. Ms. Shank's class worked on numbers 1-10, both recognizing the numbers and one to one correspondence by making sets. We will continue to work on that and number sequencing through 10. We also reviewed colors and shapes.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class read books about identity and the beauty of names. We started to practice identifying our names and writing them clearly. We will continue work on this in the coming weeks. Next week, we will start our letter study and focus on S. Ms. Shank's class is also working on names. We read a book called Chrysanthemum. It is about a mouse who is teased about her name until she and her classmates realize how beautiful her name is. In the end they all want to be named after a flower. We tied this to our own names and how we are all special. Sticking with our name theme we also read "A My Name is Alice" and created self portraits that included our own name alliteration. We also read lots of Mo Willems "Gerald and Piggie" books. We then created a large Venn diagram comparing the two characters. We also read "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" as a review of our colors and then created a sequencing hat.

Theology

Ms. Wawner's class talked about how we are all gifts from God and how God created each of us special. We celebrated our unique identities by sharing All About Me bags, creating self portraits, and completing All About Me books. We will learn the story of creation next week and do activities associated with it. Ms. Shank's class started a unit on prayers that will continue next week. We will talk about the types of prayers and how it is a conversation with God. We will be making "prayer pockets" with the prayers we say at school. They can practice these at home. We have also started to visit our Chapel and will continue to do so on a weekly basis. We are practicing how to behave appropriately in the house of God. We usually start our visit with a reading from the Children's bible that fits with our religious education unit followed by some prayers.

Other News

- We continue to practice rules and routines. We had our first fire drill.
- School pictures are on Tuesday. JK students are not required to wear a uniform but can do so.
- The weather forecast next week is supposed to be very hot. We go out at 9:30 and 11:30, before the hottest time of the day. We make sure that we give the students lots of opportunities for water. If it is too hot, we have inside recess.