



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Kindergarten

09/13/2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Please continue to practice the sight words every day.

*Please remember to have your child's library books in their backpacks on Monday mornings so they can check new ones out.

Next month, we will learn about community helpers. Traditionally, we have had parents come in and talk about their occupations. If you would like to come and explain what you do in your job, please let us know. If you would like to take us on a virtual field trip to your work site, just send a video.

Thank you for all you do in the community. We look forward to seeing you in class soon.

Homework: Kindergarten homework for first semester is to listen to a parent read a story each day and apply reading comprehension skills: such as answer questions, identify the characters and setting, make predictions, and retell the story. Students will also practice reading books as they are sent home. Please have your child point to each word and read the book three or more times. Keep the book in a bag by the bed so that your child can continue to practice and build reading fluency. Sight words will be coming home today. Please practice these at home until your child can say them automatically.

Students are learning to be more independent. Please continue to encourage self help skills at home when possible such as: tucking in shirts, fastening belts, opening containers and packages, folding towels, cleaning up, straightening and putting things away.

Calendar/Important Dates

9/20 - 1st Quarter Interim
10/6 - Fall Fest
10/7- Teacher Work Day (no school)
10/12 CCS 5K and Kids Fun Run
10/14 Field Trip to Chile's Orchard
10/18-End of 1st Quarter
10/25-1st Quarter Report Cards

Teacher email addresses

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Our email addresses are:
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Important School Announcements

Fall Festival is 10/6/2024 and CCS 5K and Kids Fun Run is 10/12

Kindergarten Hearing and Vision Screenings

Charlottesville Catholic School is providing hearing and vision screenings to students ONLY with parental permission. Screenings are recommended for all kindergarten students who have not had an exam in the last 12 months. Screenings will be conducted by myself, the school nurse and UVA nursing students. Screenings will take place at the end of September/early October.

If you wish to have your child screened, please complete the [permission form](#) at this link by Friday, September 20th. Feel free to contact the clinic if you have any questions: s.queheillalt@cvillecatholic.org or (434)964-0400.

Join us for an afternoon of family fun and games at the Fall Fest on Sunday afternoon, October 6. CCS Fields will be filled with plenty of fun activities to enjoy with friends and meet new families. Featuring a bounce house, hay ride, traditional fall activities, favorite yard games, some tasty treats and even a chance to dunk some CCS staff, this event should not be missed. [Tickets now available](#) for \$5 per person / \$20 per family of 4 or more.

Social Studies

We spoke about different types of families including the holy family, nuclear families, extended and blended families as well as multicultural families. The

students were able to identify members in their own families and what responsibilities they have in their families. We spoke about how families need love, God, food, water, etc. The students understood that there are rules, decisions and communication skills in every family. They also learned that we are unique people created in God's image. We learned to have positive attitudes toward others and to treat family members with respect.

Math

We started Unit 2 in math which includes numbers up to five. We also continued to practice counting to 100! Some of them already know how to count to 100. But, at this time, the students are only expected to count to twenty five. We have calendar time during math every day. The students learn our days of the week song, months of the year song and seasons every day. The students are starting to understand how our math centers operate each day.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

The students are continuing to practice reading to self. They read books in the three ways we taught them: read the words, read the pictures and retell the story. We also started our first five sight words this week: for, in, said, you and it. Students practiced writing their sight words.

Please use the sight word resources in your child's folder to help your child practice sight words at home.

Theology

Our kindergarteners are learning how Mary is our mother and Jesus' mother too. They learned who Jesus' grandparents were when he lived on Earth. We talked about the church and who is in the Holy Family. Each student is continuing to learn what God made during the creation stories. They are also learning that God loves them and created pictures of what God created. We are talking about who saints are and what they do. The children are doing a wonderful job with their answers for these questions: Who is God and who is Jesus? How can we be followers of God? We also go to the chapel once a week to learn bible stories and sing songs. We read a Bible story each day, prayed and talked about how Joseph forgave his brothers. We also have a science related devotion each day and we are learning a lot about God's amazing world.

Science

We are focused on social studies this quarter.

Sunday
October 6
2:00 to
4:00pm

CCS Fall Fest

Join us for
family fun & games

Bounce house, dunk
tank, hayrides, fall
activities, lawn games,
races, contests, tasty
treats & more!

\$5 per person/\$20 max per family

