

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Kindergarten 09/15/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

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

All adults who would like to drive/accompany students on field trips or help with students in any other capacity need to be VIRTUS-trained. To register for VIRTUS training, please go to the following link:

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

- You should have received an email regarding hearing and vision screenings earlier this week. If you would like your child to be screened, the permission form must be completed (link attached below). Screenings will begin toward the end of the month. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to <u>clinic@cvillecatholic.org</u>
- Hearing and Vision Permission Form
- On your mark. Get set <u>REGISTER</u>! Registration for our annual 5K and Fun Run is OPEN! Grab your tickets today. You won't want to miss out on this fantastic family event! Register early to ensure your Fun Run t-shirt arrives in time for the big day!
- There are lots of ways that you can help at the 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, October 7. Please see the Sign Up Genius below for all of the different opportunities. We need many volunteers to make sure this event is a success! 5K & Fun Run Volunteer Sign Up

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

9/16 - Back To School Picnic, 3:30-6:30 pm

9/22 - 1st Quarter Interim

10/9 - Teacher Work Day (no school)

10/11 Field trip to Chile's Orchard

10/20 - End of 1st Quarter

10/27 - 1st Quarter Report Cards

Teacher email addresses

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Our email addresses are: <u>j.draper@cvillecatholic.org</u> and <u>r.zartler@cvillecatholic.org</u>

Social Studies

We are continuing to review the words and importance of the pledge of allegiance. We also continued to talk about working together as a classroom and being a community.

Math

We are doing awesome 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. We also started our math workbooks today. We will be establishing centers for math very soon.

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 second set of five sight words this week: it, in, said, you and for. Students practiced writing a, and, I, the, to.

Please continue to have your child practice sight words at home too.

Theology

The students are continuing to learn what God made during each day of the creation story. 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 went to the STEAM lab twice this week as we do every week. The students are doing a nice job following the rules of the STEAM lab. This week they learned how milk is brought from the farm to the stores. We also observed what happens to carnations when we put them in water with food dye. The students really enjoyed it!