

Happy second week of school from Ms. Wawner & Penaredondo's class. We are really rolling along! We are continuing to practice our morning routine of greeting each other, putting our belongings away, and answering the question of the day. The Question of the Day helps students practice identifying their name, identifying the words yes and no and other common short words, answering questions about themselves, and counting.

Students have loved getting to show and tell about their special items in their "All About Me" bag this week during morning meeting. We have also spent time talking about calendars and learning our days of the week. We have some special songs and raps to help us remember. Ask your students if they remember any of the words of "Today is Monday" or "7 days in a Week."

In Literacy, we continued to read and talk about the importance of names. We worked on identifying our names by searching for them around the room. We sorted letters to form our names and we also worked on tracing them. We created beautiful self portraits that are currently hanging in the classroom to go along with our name work.

Students have been working on counting to ten on their fingers and using 10 frames to show they know how to portray each number. We practiced tracing the numbers 0-5. Some of us can write 0-5 on our own!

We introduced Science this week by reading the books "Ada Twist, Scientist" and "Charlotte the Scientist is Squished" and talking about what scientists do: ask questions, predict answers, experiment, etc. We conducted a sink or float experiment where we tried putting different items into water and predicting what would happen. We talked about density and how it affects whether something floats on the top or sinks to the bottom.

A few other items to note that are coming up:

Please make sure you sign up for the 5k and Children's Fun Run.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Charlottesville/CharlottesvilleCatholicSchool20thAnnual5k>

If you are interested in playing or putting together a foursome for the gold tournament, contact Colleen Smith at c.smith@cvillecatholic.org

<https://runsignup.com/TicketEvent/CharlottesvilleCatholicSchoolGolfTournament>

We are excited to be going on field trips this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. We will be offering a training session at CCS on Monday, September 19 from 5:00-8:00. To register for that training, please use the following link:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

Cheers,
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