

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten September 20, 2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Our fall field trip will be to Carter's Mountain on October 11, 2024. We will depart the school around 8:20am and return around 12pm. We are looking for chaperones. You **must** be Virtus trained to drive/chaperone our students. You will also need to sign a driver approval form and attach a copy of your insurance card. We can send the form to you once you let us know if you will be able to chaperone/drive. This is in accordance with the Diocese regulations. Please reach out to your respective teacher if you would like to volunteer.

Calendar/Important Dates

Sep 20, 2024: 11:30 dismissal; JK aftercare available

October 11, 2024: JK field trip to Carter's Mountain, 8:20am departure

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Important School Announcements

Saturday October 12th: 5K/Fun Run. Sign up online.

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.

Math

Ms. Wawner continued to work on identifying and counting numbers 1-10 this week. We will continue working on 1-10, using 10 frames, and we will introduce subitizing. Ms. Shank's class

continued working on number sense and sorting. We also worked on number order through ten.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class focused on the letter Tt this week and celebrated the T sound by learning with turtles! We also learned about the building blocks of reading and writing by exploring how letters make words and words make sentences. Next week, we will focus on the letter Pp and continue to talk about the different parts of a book, through a focus on the Harold and Piggie series. Ms. Shank's finished up our study of Mo Willems. Mo Willems taught us how to draw Piggie from the Harold and Piggie series. We ended our short review of the letters of the alphabet focusing just on identifying the letters. Next week we will begin a week long study of the letter A. The students will identify the letter, learn it's sound, and distinguish it from other sounds by sorting pictures that have the beginning sound and those that do not. We have finished up our crafts on names. We created a flower pot where the students put flowers with the letters of their name in order. We also completed a wagon full of pumpkins doing the same thing. Next week we will have the students trace their name and begin to write it on their own. Some students know how to do it already.

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class discussed the different things we see at Mass. We designed our own churches with a priest, an altar, a cross, etc. We also talked about Mass etiquette and what to expect when we go later this month. Ms. Shank's class finished our unit on Noah's Ark. Next week we will learn about the Mass and learn about the Rosary in preparation for our outside rosary that will begin next month.

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class finished up our unit on the 5 senses by learning about smell and taste (and how they go hand in hand!). We conducted a smell test of various items to see if students could identify them and then we conducted a taste test of the 5 tastes (salty, sweet, sour, bitter, and umami). We culminated the unit by creating our own scratch and sniff boards. Next week, we will learn about the seasons. Ms. Shank's class focused on the season of fall and the changes that we see. We read stories about the season, "wrote" about Fall, and created a Fall tree, and read about squirrels. We even created our own Fall squirrels. . Ms. Devlin was generous enough to give us a cocoon of a Monarch butterfly. We will be learning more about that this week. Once our cocoon has hatched we will release it for its long flight to Mexico. We will finish out our Fall unit and begin a unit and begin a unit on the life cycle of apples and pumpkins in preparation for our field trip.

Other

- Ilf your student needs to use their change of clothes, please replace them as soon as you can, so they have another option, should they need it.
- Spanish Heritage Month has started. Each class will choose a country and decorate their doors with symbols from that country.