

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

Kindergarten 09/20/2024

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.

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: <u>j.draper@cvillecatholic.org</u> and <u>r.zartler@cvillecatholic.org</u> <u>s.chung-hirano@cvillecatholic.org</u>

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 <u>permission form</u> at this link by Friday, September 20th. Feel free to contact the clinic if you have any questions: <u>s.queheillalt@cvillecatholic.org</u> 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. <u>Tickets now available</u> for \$5 per person / \$20 per family of 4 or more.

Social Studies

We spoke about how to identify the American flag, reciting the pledge of allegiance every morning and during social studies. We also read a book about the pledge of allegiance. We spoke about patriotism, how we show respect for our country by standing up, facing the flag, placing our right hand over our heart, using appropriate voice control and speed. The students learned that the president is the leader of the U.S. as well as the name of our current president. We spoke about certain holidays, why they are important and what month they are celebrated. The holidays we discussed are Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day and Fourth of July.

Math

We continued and about to finish Unit 2 in math which includes numbers up to five and greater and less than as well as. 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: up, look, is, go and we. 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 Sunday is the Lord's day and we follow Jesus. We also learned about Saint Luke who wrote one of the Gospels. We are continuing to learn our prayers. The prayers we are learning this quarter are the sign of the cross, the prayer before meals, the Our Father and the Hail Mary. The students enjoy sitting with their faith buddies every Tuesday for mass and spending some other time with them as well.

Science

We are focused on social studies this quarter.