

# Charlottesville Catholic School

## Friday Newsletter

### Kindergarten

### 09/22/2023

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

Thank you for sending us your amazing kindergarteners each day! We are grateful to you for entrusting them into our care.

**\*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](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list.cfm?theme=0)**

Crozet Speech and Language Clinic will be conducting speech screenings the first week of October. Please look for a letter in your child's Friday folder with more information.

- On your mark. Get set - REGISTER! [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!
- Please note that Mass will NOT be on Tuesday next week (September 26). Instead, we will have Mass on Friday, September 29 in celebration of the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels. Students do not need to wear their formal dress uniforms on Tuesday, September 26.
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- 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](#)

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- On Thursday, October 5, John Kronstain will present “How to Know What You Don’t Know - Social Media in the Lives of Today’s Adolescents” for CCS parents at 7:00PM in the Performance Hall. Please use the form below to RSVP, as seating will be limited. Please note that childcare will not be provided. [October 5 Speaker Series RSVP](#)
- 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 [clinic@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:clinic@cvillecatholic.org)
- [Hearing and Vision Permission Form](#)

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. We have reviewed the recent assessment data. Because recognizing letters and knowing the sounds that those letters make is a very important part of the reading process, We are asking for some additional help at home to fill in the gaps. We are sending home a sheet for each student on which we have circled the letters and sounds that your child knew at the time of the assessment. Please work on the ones that are not circled as needed. Flashcards to practice matching upper and lowercase letters are also included. We will continue to work on letter and sound recognition at school. Please have your child practice the weekly sight words that come home and listen to your child read daily to help build fluency. Thank you so very much for partnering with us.


Please let me know if you have any questions.


Here are just a few resources to make your time fun.

<http://thisreadingmama.com/101-alphabet-activities-printables/>

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/alphabet-games>

<http://www.kizclub.com/activities.htm>

 See It, Say It, Sign It | Letter Sounds | ASL Alphabet | Jack Hartmann

 See It Say It Sign It Volume 2 Jack Hartmann ASL Alphabet

- When it rains, a raincoat is much preferred over an umbrella.
- Please label everything that you would like returned to your house. Over the

years, we have had a very high rate of return for misplaced items that were clearly labeled.

### **Calendar/Important Dates**

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:

[j.draper@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:j.draper@cvillecatholic.org) and [r.zartler@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:r.zartler@cvillecatholic.org)

## Social Studies

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Students learned about the countries of Bolivia and Mexico which are our focus countries for National Hispanic Heritage month.

## Math

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We continued our Math Journals this week. Each day we graph the weather for the day, add a number to our September calendar, draw a circle in our 180 day ten frame chart, and color in a number in our 100s chart. Students are learning to recognize and write numbers 0-10. In addition to our regular calendar routine, we did some apple related counting activities.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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We continued sight words this week: up, look, is, go, we. Next week, our sight words will be: little, down, can, see, not. Students are working on pencil grip and writing on the lines. Students are learning the structure of Daily Five. We are working hard to help students build independence by approaching tasks with the following guidelines: get started right away, work the whole time, stay in one spot, work quietly, build your stamina. You may want to try this language at home with your child's household tasks. They will be surprised that you are using those phrases.

## Theology

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We learned about the holy family and who is part of it. Also, we learned about St. Anthony of Padua. We continue to 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

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We went to the STEAM lab twice this week as we do every week. We conducted an experiment with celery and food dye. We will continue talking about the changes of the season and do more apple activities. Students also discussed the five senses and did some related activities. We made apple scented playdough in the STEM lab. Students enjoyed mixing 1 cup of cornstarch and  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of apple scented shampoo or conditioner. They listened to the story, Ten Apples on Top. Then, were given blocks and they tried to see how many blocks that they could stack on their heads before they fell over.