

Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter

Junior Kindergarten September 6, 2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Calendar/Important Dates Sep 20, 2024 : 11:30 dismissal

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Important School Announcements

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

Math

Ms. Wawner's class played with shapes this week. We brainstormed all the shapes we knew and counted their sides. We learned about some shapes that are new to us, like a pentagon, hexagon, and octagon. We practiced sorting shapes and finding shapes in the classroom and the outside world. We created our own shape pictures at the end of the week. Next week, we will start working with numbers, specifically 0-5. Ms. Shank's class will continue working on counting objects with an emphasis on 1-5. We will also begin math groups. We will also be working on the concept of sorting by shape, color, size, and attribute.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Ms. Wawner's class started our alphabet study and focused on the letter Ss this week. Students were assessed for their prior knowledge to the SATPIN letters and sounds. We will assess again, towards the end of the 9 weeks. We work on letter identification, sound, and script for each letter. We also started our phonics study with our Heggerty exercises. Students practice rhyme and focus on beginning and ending sounds, among other things. Next week, we will focus on the letter Aa. Ms. Shank's class worked on identifying their letters A-H. We colored pictures of

these letters, made them out of playdoh, painted them, and sang songs about the letters. The students have also been learning Spanish words such as hello/hola, goodbye/adios, and now we are learning the Spanish words for colors. We read lots of books by Laura Numerof. We worked on sequencing some of the stories and learned about a Venn diagram. Next week we will learn about Mo Willems who wrote the Harold and Piggie books.

Theology/SEL

Ms. Wawner's class continues to explore emotions and how we all feel lots of feelings every day. This week, we talked about anger and frustration, and how we might manage it in safe ways. We read the books "When Sophie Gets Angry" and "Grumpy Monkey" to illustrate these concepts. Next week, we will talk about prayer and learn some of the different prayers we say at CCS. Ms. Shank's class spent time talking about God's Love this week. Next week we will learn about Noah's Ark and his trust in God.

Science/Social Studies

Ms. Wawner's class started our unit on the 5 Senses. We focused on sight and sound this week. Students learned about the eye and how we use sight to do almost everything in our day. We practiced walking a line with sight and without (blindfolded). For sound, we tried to identify different sounds we hear in the world and we created telephones to show how sound waves can travel with vibration through a string. Next week, we will focus on touch. Ms. Shank's class focused on learning about seasons this week and we will finish that unit next week. Once we have finished we will complete a more intensive study of Fall.