

## Shank's Junior Kindergarten Newsletter

Week of September 12th

As I said at Back to School Night, my number one job is to make your child feel safe and loved when they enter my classroom. Thank you so much for giving me an opportunity to love your children.

The students continue to develop independence and are getting used to the routine. We started our study of letters with the letter S. They completed picture sorts, sorting picture cards, and dot painted a letter S. Finally on Friday we will work on a letter S snake craft. We finished our Day and Night unit. We will explore this more with our Space unit in Spring. In math we continued to work on counting objects to 7 and recognizing our numbers. The students had fun using a picture of a hive and placing "bees" in their hive based on the number called out. In religious education our focus was on prayers. The students listened to a number of Psalms and we talked about how David loved God so much he wrote these Psalms (songs) to praise him. We also made a prayer pocket. We talked about the 5 types of prayers and made our own prayers to put into a pocket on a handprint.

### **The Coming Week**

Literacy: Our study of the alphabet will continue with the letter M. In honor of the letter M we will start an author study of Laura Joffe Numeroff who wrote the series of books "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" and "If You Give a Moose a Muffin".

Math: We continue to work on numeracy and counting to 10. I will also begin working on sequencing numbers to 10. Most of the students know their numbers but sometimes they do not know the position they sit in on a number line.

### **Religious Education**

We will continue to work on our prayers, (Our Father, Hail Mary). Our focus will continue to be on God's love for us and giving thanks for all he does.

### **Social Studies**

Our study will be on the symbols of the United States and learning the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Other**

- Please make sure to sign the red folder sheet each night and return each day. I collect those at the end of the week. This helps me keep track of any notes and if I see patterns in behavior with students.
- We have had several students decide to give their tables a good washing, (pouring their water bottle water all over the table). Please make sure that the water bottle has a straw and is spill proof.

- Thank you so much for your emails. I appreciate the communication from you. Because I do not have any breaks until rest time at the end of the day I am not always able to respond. I try to get back to you as soon as I can. I may have had the opportunity to read your email in the morning but just haven't had time to respond.
- If your child will be out sick please email not only myself but Marylou Fitzgerald at [m.fitzgerald@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:m.fitzgerald@cvillecatholic.org). She keeps track of absent students.
- It is starting to get a little cooler and our room can get cold. Please feel free to send in sweaters, hoodies, fleece jackets for the students to wear when it gets cool in the classroom.
- We have P.E. on Wednesday. The students should wear athletic shoes. This is for safety and to protect the newly finished floors.

Yours in Christ,

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