

Fort Collins Christian School Newsletter

December 3, 2020

Merry Christmas



IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

Thursday, December 3

Mid-term Reports

Friday, December 18

Second Quarter Ends & Christmas Party
(School is out at noon.)

Sat. Dec. 19 – Sun. Jan. 3, 2021 Winter Vacation

Monday, January 4, 2021

Third Quarter Begins

Monday, January 18

M.L.K. Jr. Day (No school)

Tuesday, January 26

Read-a-Thon Starts



FORT COLLINS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS A CORE VALUES SCHOOL

We are a core values school! We **CHERISH** our selected seven core values: **C**hrist-centered Living, **H**onor, **E**xploration, **R**esponsibility, **I**ntegrity, **S**ervice, and **H**eroism. "To acquire wisdom is to love oneself: people who **CHERISH** understanding will prosper." Proverbs 19:8



In **December**, we are focusing on the fourth core value of **Responsibility: Following directions, completing tasks, and taking ownership of choices, words, and actions.** "In all the work you are given, do the best you can. Work as though you are working for the Lord, not any earthly master." Colossians 3:23 (Easy to Read Version)

The students are given the opportunity to acknowledge classmates who show the core values every day.

COVID-19 UPDATES

If anyone in your household is feeling ill, we ask that you keep your child home from school, even if she or he is not the one sick, until the individual who is ill has either a negative COVID-19 test, an alternate diagnosis from the doctor, or is symptom-free for 72 hours. If the family member tests positive for COVID-19, the child must stay home for a minimum of 14 days, and we strongly encourage the child to have a negative COVID-19 test before returning to school. Each situation with COVID-19 is a bit different, so if a family member tests positive for COVID, the staff will work directly with that family to facilitate the child's return to school.



We so appreciate everything you are doing to help protect our students, staff, and their families during this time. With the length of the incubation period, and the short time between school resuming and Christmas break, it is so important that we all do everything we can to keep our school community well, and improve

the chances of everyone being able to safely see extended family at Christmas, as opposed to being in quarantine over the holiday. Please know that your family is constantly in our prayers, and we are so excited to be back in the classroom with the students this week!

BIKE SAFETY CLASSES (NOVEMBER 10-11)



Bike Fort Collins came to our school and provided our students (Grades K-8) with bike safety lessons on November 10 and 11. The students learned Walking & Rules of Road, Helmet Fit and ABC Quick Bike Check, and Bike Skills. They brought extra bikes and helmets for the students who do not have them to use. They also brought a mechanic to fix and tune up their bikes on

Tuesday. We are so thankful that they provided the bike safety lessons for our students and our students really enjoyed the lessons.





CHRISTMAS PARTY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18



Friday, December 18 is the last day of the second term. **We have school on Friday, and school is out at noon.** After the morning recess, around 10:30 a.m., we will have our Christmas party. All the students (grades preschool – 8th) will do Christmas crafts, exchange presents, and have pizza, cookies, and fruit for lunch.

We will let you know soon whom your child will get a present for in the gift exchange. The present should be no more than \$6.

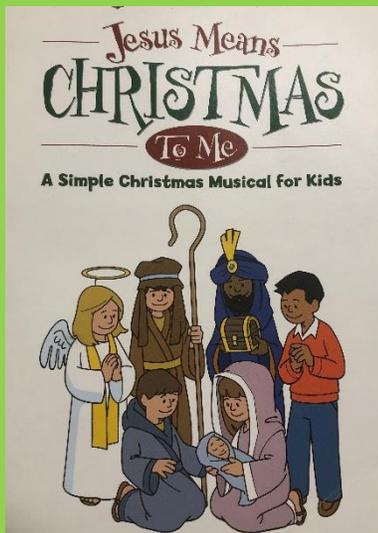
Snow Days

Please remember that we follow Poudre School District's snow day schedule. When they cancel, we cancel, and if they start late, we start late (at the same time). Please check your TV or online news. Occasionally, we may feel we need to make a decision which is separate from PSD in order to best care for our school's needs. When this happens, Mrs. Breese and Miss Reeder will consult with the school board chair to make a decision and then contact all the parents.



PARENT INCENTIVE:

When you introduce a new student to our school and the student stays in our school for more than 6 months, the parents who introduced the new student to our school will get \$75. We believe that we have a great school. Please let other people know about our school.

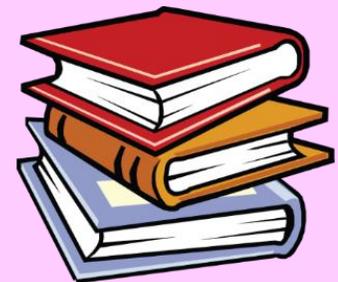


CHRISTMAS PROGRAM VIDEO

This year we are not able to do a regular Christmas Program, so we are planning to video tape the program. We are not allowed to sing because of COVID-19, so we need to be creative to put the program together. The students will play colored bells and chimes and will narrate the Christmas story with some songs done in sign language with dancing (movement). This year's program is called "**Jesus Means Christmas to Me**"

READ-A-THON FUNDRAISER

In late January, FCCS will participate in its third annual read-a-thon! The read-a-thon is a way to raise money for the school and promote learning at the same time. The way the program works is students find people to sponsor them



for reading a certain number of minutes/days per week (sponsorships are a flat rate). Sponsors can be parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, a parent's co-workers, and so forth. Each child will have an online "account" with the read-a-thon company for sponsors to make secure donations, and for kids to keep track of how much they've raised (families can send in a check to the school as well). FCCS gets 75% of what students raise, while students get a percentage of what they raise to spend in a rewards store, and the small remainder goes to the company that runs the program. The online account that students have is secure, and people can only access the student's page to donate if they have that particular student's code, which the parents can give to only those they are comfortable with. Parents can also help their student set up their account, and so can control what is posted. If you have questions about the program or online account, please feel free to contact Miss Reeder, or visit the website at www.read-a-thon.com. Happy reading!

FCCS PRESCHOOL CORNER

November was a whirlwind month in preschool! Between having to do distance learning for a week, and then Thanksgiving break, our schedule was very different than usual! However, the preschoolers hung in there, and were still able to have lots of fun learning experiences! On the last day of November, preschool got to make a sticker poster with Thanksgiving-themed stickers. While this was planned to happen before break, we still enjoyed it a lot on November

30! Before making their sticker posters, we talked a little bit about the Thanksgiving story, and how even though the Native Americans and Pilgrims were different, they could still help each other and be friends!



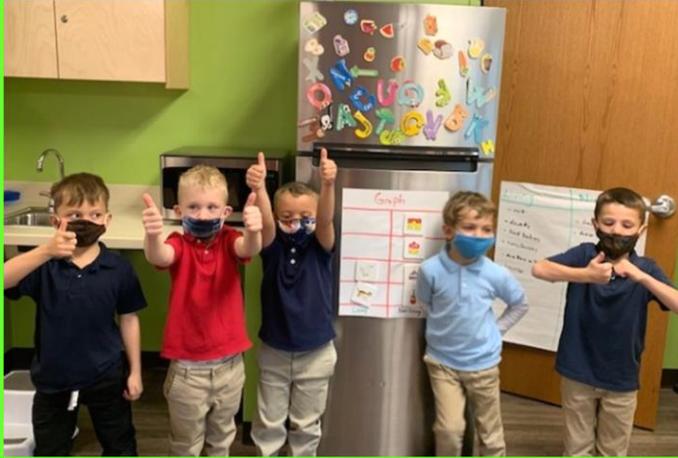
One of the really fun things about preschool is that we are often able to learn or practice multiple skills at once. For instance, in the picture to the left, the students are practicing their hand-eye coordination, shapes, and matching skills while building pictures from pattern blocks!

December will be another awesome month of learning!

~Miss Reeder

KINDERGARTEN SCIENCE AND P.E. SECTION

For the last month, kindergarten has been learning about the difference between living and non-living things. They learned the characteristics of living things, and how to tell if something is living or non-living. While they were learning these things, they were also able to learn about other science skills, like sorting and graphing! This group really enjoyed graphing! While we were doing distance learning, the students even had the chance to go on nature walks with their families to find



living and non-living things around them!

When school is in session in-person, the kindergarteners have been able to practice their motor skills in P.E.! They are constantly getting better with their coordination, aim, and listening skills!

The kindergarteners are on to new learning experiences in December!

~Miss Reeder

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Fort Collins Christian School

OUR MISSION

It is our purpose to provide a safe Christ-centered learning environment to empower students to become respectful and responsible individuals with a lifelong desire to learn.

OUR VISION

It is the harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers of the individual student through Christ-centered instruction. It is the preparation for successful citizenship in this world and the world to come. It is to instill the joy of unselfish service for others in the child.

OUR GOAL

Our goal is to teach our students about a lifelong personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and also to challenge, support and care for our students as they develop into respectful, responsible, and caring individuals.