

Fort Collins Christian School

Newsletter

January 4, 2021



IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Monday, January 4
Mon. Jan. 4 – Thurs. 9
Monday, January 11
Monday, January 18
Tues., Jan. 19 – Thurs. Jan. 21
Tues., Jan. 26 – Tues., Feb. 9
Wednesday, February 10
Monday, February 15
Tuesday, February 23

Third Quarter Begins
Distance Learning
In-person Learning Starts
M.L.K. Jr. Day (No school)
MAP Testing
Read-a-Thon
Mid-term Reports
Presidents' Day (No School)
In-School Science Fair (Grades K-8)?





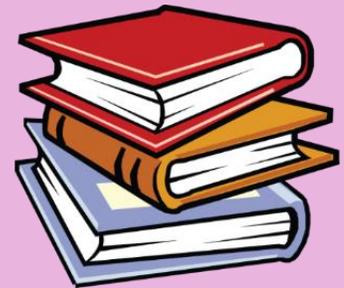
FORT COLLINS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS A CORE VALUES SCHOOL

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

Heroism. “To acquire wisdom is to love oneself: people who **CHERISH** understanding will prosper.” Proverbs 19:8

In **January**, we are going back to the basics: first core value of **Christ-center Living: Reflecting God’s character in attitudes and actions**. Christ is the center of our life. Our students will learn about the Holy Spirit this month, too. Our students are given the opportunity to acknowledge classmates who show the core values every day.

READ-A-THON FUNDRAISER



This month, FCCS will participate in its third annual read-a-thon! The program will run from January 26-February 9.

The read-a-thon is a way to raise money for the school and

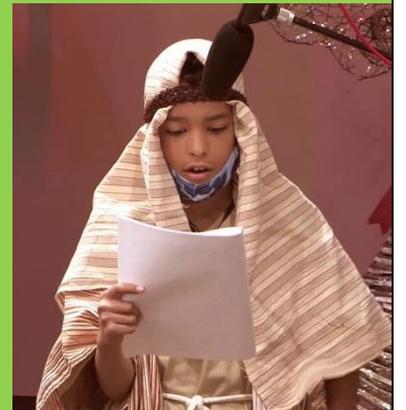
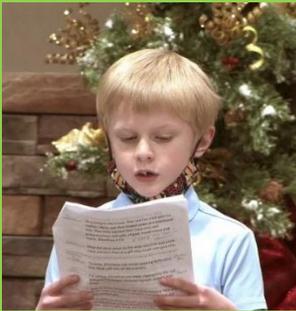
promote learning at the same time. This year, the read-a-thon fundraiser is especially important for our school, since we have been unable to hold our usual fundraisers, such as Fall Festival, because of COVID-19. The way the program works is students find people to sponsor them for reading a certain number of minutes/days per week (sponsorships are a flat rate). Sponsors can be parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, a parent’s co-workers, church members, 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 about 5-10% 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. A flyer with more information will be sent home the second week of the semester. If you have questions about the program or online account, please feel free to contact Miss Reeder, or to look into the program yourself at www.read-a-thon.com. Happy reading!

FCCS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM VIDEO

We recorded our Christmas program video on Wednesday, December 16. We are not allowed to have all the students sing together because of COVID-19, so we did some songs with actions and sign language, and the older students narrated the story of Christmas. We are so thankful that Miss Reeder taught sign language for some of the Christmas songs, and Mr. Devon Osbourne, our School Board Chairman edited and put together the program into a video so that all the parents and families can watch the program. I hope you enjoyed watching our school Christmas program video during the winter break.

“Jesus Means Christmas to Me”







ORIGAMI CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The students (grades K-3) in Mrs. Breese's class had a great time making origami Christmas ornaments and other Christmas items with origami as a December art project. The students made origami Christmas trees for the cards, Christmas gift boxes, Santa Clause, reindeer, and angels for their Christmas trees at home. Mrs. Breese made baby Jesus and stars for everyone. I hope everyone was able to hang all the ornaments in their tree during Christmas time.



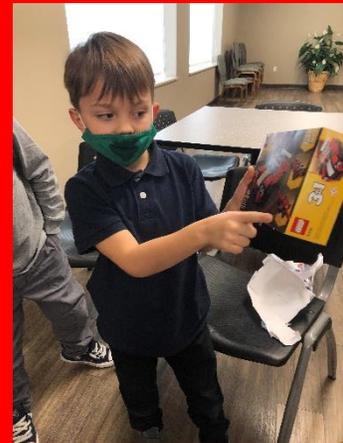
CHRISTMAS PARTY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

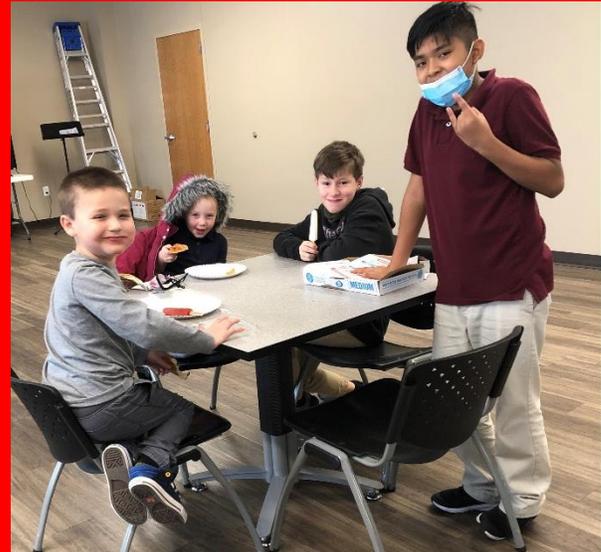
We had our Christmas party on Friday, December 18. The students exchanged presents with their secret Santa friends and had pizza and popsicles together. We had a great time.






**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**





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 PDS in order to best care for our school's needs. When this happens, Mrs. Breese will consult with the school board chair to make a decision and then contact all the parents.



FCCS PRESCHOOL CORNER

What fun we had in preschool in December! We made an elephant craft when we learned about the letter “E”, and practiced identifying the sounds that letter “E” makes. We spent a lot of time with the “big kids” practicing for our recorded Christmas program, and the students wowed Miss Reeder and Miss Dalva with their patience and how they followed directions during practices!

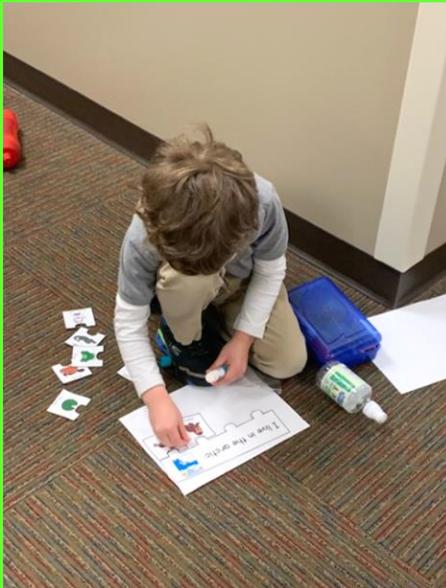
We also spent some time doing end-of-quarter assessments, and making fun Christmas crafts and learning about the very best Christmas gift of all – our Friend, Jesus!

Preschool is already tackling more learning in 2021 via Zoom, and we can’t wait to be all together in-person next week!

~Miss Reeder



KINDERGARTEN SCIENCE AND P.E. SECTION



In December, kindergarten followed up their study of living and non-living things by learning about animal habitats. They learned what a habitat is, and studied what life is like for animals in some of the habitats. We learned about the desert, rainforest, artic,



and more! We will finish our study of habitats in the first few weeks of January!

~Miss Reeder

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 and our school is very safe because we have our security system and are located next to the Fort Collins Police Services. Please let other people know about our school.

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one.
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
Even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you
when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
for the year ahead.

~Anonymous

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