



**Charlottesville
Catholic School**
Christ Community Scholars

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

1/12/2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements

MAP Testing went swimmingly this week! Congrats on completing the Winter round of growth testing, Hawks!

Amazement Square, here we come!! Permission slips can be digitally accessed [here](#), and paper copies were sent home in red folders last week. Please return these by Friday, January 19. It will be nice to have our "ducks in a row" well ahead of time!

No spelling instruction next week...the Hawks will instead pour their hearts and souls into both Science Day and a new, amazing project about inspiring historical figures.

Report Cards will be released in FACTS on Friday, January 19.

Brrr! Please help your child dress warmly for outdoor play, in labeled outerwear! Students who are not appropriately dressed for the weather stay inside. If you're missing uniform/spirit wear items, check out the Hawks that Wear Socks Lost & Found (located in a crate outside our door), which, by the way it is overflowing, may soon be renamed Robinson's Rummage!!

Calendar/Important Dates

1/12 - End of 2nd Quarter

1/15 - No School - MLK Jr. Day

1/17 - [Science Day](#) - click for volunteer opportunities

1/19 - Report Cards Released

1/30 - Historical Figures Presentations, 2:15-3:00 in STEM Lab

2/9 - National Children's Dental Health Month Dentist Visit - 2:00 pm

2/14 - Ash Wednesday Mass

2/19 - No School - Presidents Day

2/23 - Field Trip to Amazement Square, 8:15 am-3:00 pm

3/4 - No School - Teacher Work Day

3/13- Roald Dahl Day (volunteer timing TBD)

3/22 - End of 3rd Quarter
3/28 - Holy Thursday and 11:30 am Dismissal
3/29-4/7 - Easter Break
4/24 - Trashion Show, 2:15-2:45 pm (CCS Gym)
5/3 - Communion Retreat
5/10 - Grandparents and Great Friends Day
5/24 - JK-7th Grade Field Day; 11:30 am Dismissal
5/27- No School - Memorial Day

Teacher email addresses

l.devane@cvillecatholic.org (Theology)

h.robinson@cvillecatholic.org

Social Studies/Science

Famous and Fabulous! The Hawks learned all about Helen Keller, Cesar Chavez, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rosa Parks this week. Talk about a group of inspiring people! Don't forget to ask your sweetheart what it was like to make sandwiches blindfolded!

These happy historians are gearing up to "wow" you with another polished project! After reading a biography, your radiant researchers will select important information from these nonfiction texts to highlight in one of three awesome projects:

- Interview - "The Talker" - Students will showcase their flair for drama by writing and acting out a script in which their famous person is interviewed on a "TV Talk Show"
- Portrait - "The Artist" - Students will create a lifesize portrait of their famous person with handwritten facts and textural details (buttons, yarn, paint, fabric, etc.) with factual context (example: including a bus for Rosa Parks or a kite and key for Benjamin Franklin) to entice their viewers
- Google Slideshow - "The Techie" - Students will take on the role of "professor" to create a captivating Google slideshow full of facts about their famous person to present to their second grade classmates.

Join us on Tuesday, January 30 from 2:15-3:00 in the Performance Space to see your favorite Hawk take center stage as an expert!

Math

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!!! The Hawks are becoming both independent and proficient with two-digit subtraction, with and without regrouping. They're learning several strategies to find the "just right fit" for them. One of the most popular strategies is the traditional algorithm, but with a bit of a twist. If your child hasn't taught you how to do "elevator math" yet, you'll love hearing him/her explain how it works!

Jump on in! The water's fine! SplashLearn.com is a fabulous math resource for home use! Your child has free access to this site to complete assigned work.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

From *The Twits* to *The BFG*, the Hawks are being treated to “laugh-out-loud” funny books by beloved children’s author Roald Dahl. We’ll read several of his creative and hilarious tales between now and March 13 when we celebrate his half-birthday with an epic birthday bash!

As writers, our sweet storytellers are practicing getting ideas for writing, consistently using punctuation and capitalization, increasing writing stamina, adding details and describing words to make their pieces come to life, and editing for clarity. The Author’s Chair is a favorite way for the Hawks to share works in progress, as well as finished pieces. The Hawks love using literature as a source for inspiration. This week, they were inspired by “Sheila Rae the Brave” by Kevin Henkes and “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day” by Judith Viorst.

Check folders for some stupendous spelling tests today! We’ll take a break from spelling next week to turn our attention to Science Day, as well as an interdisciplinary project featuring historical figures.

Theology

This week was all about Prayer. Our little theologians learned about different types of prayer, that prayer is both talking *and* listening to God, and participated in a peaceful meditative prayer (that they LOVED!). We reviewed how our 5 fingers remind us of the special people to pray for, and learned how to pray using CATS (confession, adoration, thanksgiving, supplication).

The Hawks learned about Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodriguez Santiago, our Saint of the Month, and the tenet of Stewardship.

Next week, the Hawks will continue their unit on prayer, start talking about liturgy, and learn the parts of the mass.