

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

Happy New Year! Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the recent "snowcation" and that you were both safe. We're thrilled to kick off 2022 with our favorite students...The Holly Jollies and The Praying Puppies!

With the threat of snow again in the forecast, we are being proactive! Please check your child's Friday Folder today for at-home work for both Tuesday and Wednesday, should there be a need to cancel. Please also join us on Google Meet at the following times: 8:30, 11:00, and 2:00, if you are able. Once a cancellation has been announced, we will send the link to join. Please see Dr. Riley's note below, as sent out in yesterday's Letter from Administration.

God bless,

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From Dr. Riley:

Winter Weather:

I am aware that there is potential for another winter storm Sunday into Monday. Fortunately, Monday is a federal holiday and school is closed. If we are unable to physically be in the building on Tuesday, we are planning on attempting a virtual day. We are doing this because we have already missed 5 days of school and hope to not add make-up days to the end of our school year. I fully realize that this plan only works if the area does not lose power or internet. If we have virtual school and you cannot access, it will be an excused absence. Teachers will be sending home materials that will be needed in the event that we are home. JK-3rd grade will be largely asynchronous, with digital check-ins available throughout the day. 4th-8th grades will utilize Google Meet and Google Classroom to hold classes as normally scheduled.

Please know that this is just an attempt. If it is just not feasible, we will cancel school as we normally would.

Reminders / Announcements:

1. Catholic Schools Week is Sunday 1/30 – Friday 2/4! Please see complete details on the last page of this newsletter!

2. Please send your child to school DAILY with **proper outerwear** (coats, hats, etc.). Don't forget to label these items! We will be eating, playing, and learning **OUTSIDE** as much as possible! Hooray!
3. With a new year and fresh start upon us, please make sure to review the uniform policy for CCS ([linked here](#)).
4. No spelling homework next week! We will be shifting focus to kick off units on famous people and biographies.

Math

Thank you for continuing to support your child's automaticity with math facts by practicing daily at home!

We jumped right back into instruction with a new unit on Time. This week, our super second graders learned to tell time to the hour, half hour, quarter hour, and five minute intervals, as well as how to solve story problems associated with elapsed time. In the coming days, we'll review the concepts of AM and PM, hold two days of review, and take the Unit 10 Test. Of course, this schedule may be subject to change as we watch the winter weather!

Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)

Second graders love reading! We're excitedly beginning new novels in reading groups and enjoying lots of read aloud time! We love connecting reading to both student interest and second grade Social Studies/Science content.

In writing, The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies spent this first week of January learning about verbs. Skills introduced so far include present, past, and future tense. Next week, the focus will shift to helping verbs.

Spelling work is going well! Thank you for supporting your lovely learner at home with the [homework choice board](#) activities.

Science / Social Studies

Super scientists! In honor of Kid Inventors Day (January 17), The Praying Puppies and The Holly Jollies are experimenting with innovation and invention! Ask your cutie to explain the "Bobby Dropper," how failure is an important part of success, and all about initial stages of becoming a kid inventor!

In collaboration with Mrs. Banaszak, we are learning about famous Americans and reading biographies of influential people around the world!

Religion

This week, students learned that prayer is talking and listening to God, asking Him to help us, praising Him, and telling Him we are sorry. Students also created a lapbook full of wonderful Catholic prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, Hail Holy Queen, Act of Contrition, and more!

We will continue to explore prayer next week, discussing how important it is, how there are different types of prayer, and how we can think about praying for different intentions.

For snow days, I have included a short Rosary packet in with "Snow Day #1." This can be done at any point with family. I encourage students to pray the Rosary with family, coloring in the beads as they go, offering prayers for personal intentions.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

January 30th - February 4th

Sunday, January 30th:

We celebrate our parishes!

Students are asked to wear their formal dress to Mass/church services.

Monday, January 31st:

We celebrate our community!

We will collect food all week to benefit the Blue Ridge Food Bank.

Students may wear a crazy hat for a \$1 donation.
All money collected will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Tuesday, February 1st:

We celebrate our students!

Students may wear their Spirit Team shirts with other small blue and/or gold accessories.

Wednesday, February 2nd:

We celebrate our nation!

Students may wear red, white, and blue.

Thursday, February 3rd:

We celebrate our vocations!

Students may dress for their future job/profession/vocation.

Friday, February 4th:

We celebrate our faculty, staff, and families!

Students must be in formal dress for Mass and a Faith Rally.

