



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

Jan 20, 2023

2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

What troopers we have! 2nd grade really persevered through their MAP testing this week. We are so proud of them!

We have a lot of exciting things coming up soon in 2nd grade and school wide. Next week, we can't wait to see you for our Famous American project presentations on Friday afternoon from 1:00-2:30 (see our Literacy block below for more details). And the following week is Catholic Schools' Week. What fun!

God bless,
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Calendar

1/20 - MAP Growth Math Test
1/20 - Report Cards Released in FACTS
1/27 - Famous American Project Presentations
2/7 - Field Trip to Paramount Theater
1/29-2/4 - Catholic Schools Week
2/3 - Blue and Gold Day
2/20 - No School
2/21 - Mexican Fiesta

3/4 - Father/Daughter Dance
4/3 - Spring Dress Begins
4/6-4/14 - Easter Break
4/21 - Blue and Gold Day
4/29 - Gala Auction
5/12 - Grandparents' Day, JK-5 Spring Concert, Spring Musical
5/26 - 11:30 Dismissal
5/29 - No School
6/2 - Blue and Gold Day

Announcements

- No spelling instruction, test, or homework for the next two weeks. We'll be finishing up our Famous American projects and then celebrating Catholic Schools Week!
- Report Cards will be released in FACTS today!
- Birthdays are such a special time! We love celebrating your cute kiddos and school! Please remember to **check the approved list of shareable foods** in FACTS. Your child is also welcome to share non-edible treats, such as pencils, mini playdough, stamps, stickers, etc.
- Hoodies, and sweaters, and coats, oh my!! Please help your child dress warmly for outdoor play, in labeled outerwear/layers! Students who are not appropriately dressed for the weather will need to stay inside. If you're missing uniform/spirit wear items, check out the CCS Lost & Found (located in the stairwell near the cafeteria), as well as the Silly Sloth Classroom Lost & Found (aka Robinson's Rummage), located in a box under the ActivPanel.
- If you would like to volunteer to work with students at CCS or chaperone field trips, you need to be VIRTUS-trained. The next VIRTUS training session will be Saturday, January 28, at the CCS Library from 1:00-4:00. Capacity is limited to 30 people. You may register at https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0

Math

Awesome adders!!! The Sloths and Cheetahs finished the unit on two-digit addition, flexing their math muscles all the way! Graded tests went home in folders this week, just in time for you to high five your magnificent mathematician for a job well done.

Our super second graders will continue with the theme of addition next week as they begin a unit on three-digit addition. So proud of the very grown-up math these sweethearts are tackling!

Cannonball!!! SplashLearn.com is a marvelous math resource for home use! Your child may access the site for free to complete work that we assign. Please also continue to practice math fact fluency daily by using flash cards, calling out problems, rolling dice, or even using cards. Your Sloth or Cheetah can teach you!

Literacy

Ready for take-off! Our fluency flocks are diligently working to improve intonation, raise reading rate, and emphasize expression as they read aloud. When reading at home, encourage your radiant reader to read like an actor!

Nifty nouns! We'll conclude our study of nouns next week, focusing on nouns in a series and possessive nouns, both singular and plural.

Splendid spellers! After checking in on spelling growth, we're reorganizing spelling groups to tailor instruction to each of our Cheetahs and Sloths. Spelling will resume in February with gusto!

Peppy puppeteers! Next week, our dramatic darlings will begin lovingly creating puppets in Art (we love collaborating with fabulous Mrs. Devlin!) to complement a script writing project in our classrooms. The Sloths and Cheetahs will perform their puppet shows for Junior Kindergarten on February 17! The Sloths will perform for Ms. Shank's class and the Cheetahs will perform for Ms. Wawner's class. What an amazing opportunity to bring the art of reading and writing to life, and to be the "big kids!"

Interdisciplinary imagineers! The Sloths and Cheetahs are hard at work on their Famous American Projects as biographers, researchers, and authors. We still have a few spots available for "Research Assistants." If you're interested, please use this link to join us: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CABAF2EA7F9C61-famous>

Religion

Prayer continued to be the highlight of our Religion time this week! The students had marvelous conversations about listening to God. The Sloths and Cheetahs even did an amazing time practicing sitting in restful silence as a preparation for prayer... The Sloths for 2 minutes and 44 seconds and The Cheetahs did 3 minutes and 2 seconds!

Next week, we will wrap up our unit on Prayer with a quiz on Wednesday. The following week, we will learn about the Trinity!

Science/Social Studies

Total experts! Our cute connoisseurs will share their expertise about a variety of famous Americans on Friday, January 27 from 1:00-2:30. From interviews in front of a "live studio audience" to slideshow presentations to life-size portraits of inspiring heroes, the Sloths and Cheetahs are sure to wow you! Please join us in the Performance Space (Interviews

and Portraits) and STEM Lab (slideshows) for an afternoon of lavish learning! Ask your radiant researcher which of the below projects he/chose:

- 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.

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PTO

MEETING



Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Coffee
Pastries
Fellowship
Community

8:10 AM in the
CCS Cafeteria

The PTO has some exciting events planned for 2023!
Come learn about how you can be involved!