

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

What a week! Thank you to everyone for all the support at home this last week during our virtual learning day. The children really did a great job during our Google Meets.

Looking ahead, next week, students will be taking their second round of Performance Series testing. As a reminder, this is a test that measures their performance and informs us as teachers where they are at so that we can help support them as we need. These mornings will be long for the children so we ask that you please make sure your child is well rested and has a good breakfast to eat. Our testing days are Wednesday, January 26th and Thursday January 27th.

In more exciting news, we are planning as a reward for stellar behavior in the classroom, a pajama day for the children on Tuesday, January 25th. Students may dress out of uniform in school appropriate pajamas / robes, but must be in regular shoes. No slippers.

God bless,

Miss Jones & Mrs. Robinson

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### **Reminders / Announcements:**

1. Performance Series Testing (2nd grade) – Wednesday 1/26 & Thursday 1/27
2. Catholic Schools Week is Sunday 1/30 – Friday 2/4! Please see complete details on the last page of this newsletter as well as most needed items for our Food Drive.
3. 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!
4. With a new year and fresh start upon us, please make sure to review the uniform policy for CCS ([linked here](#)).

### **Math**

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

This week, we completed our Telling Time unit with a test on Friday. Students did a fabulous

job learning how to tell time to the nearest 5 minutes, identifying the half and quarter hours, and problem solving questions about time.

Moving forward, we will be exploring the world of data, particularly tally charts, frequency tables, and picture graphs!

### **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 continue their study of verbs, expanding beyond action verbs and diving into helping verbs. They have also reviewed spelling change patterns when adding the suffix "-ing" when using the proper verb tense.

Spelling will resume next week! Thank you for supporting your lovely learner at home with the [homework choice board](#) activities.

### **Science / Social Studies**

In Science, we continued our study of inventions and innovation by reading nonfiction texts about the innovations in telephones, calculators, televisions, toothbrushes, and clocks. The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies were shocked by how primitive the world was when their parents and teachers were young! Haha! These readings are in Friday Folders and are a great resource for practicing re-reading.

In Social Studies, the Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies are learning about the contributions of influential Americans. This week, we learned about Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks. Next week, we will learn about Thurgood Marshall, Jackie Robinson, Helen Keller, and Cesar Chavez.

### **Religion**

We are continuing to move forward in our prayer unit! Oh how wonderful it is to spend time with the Lord and let Him love us. Students had the opportunity to really reflect on those whom we pray for in our intentions this week and got to pray the rosary at home during our virtual learning day. Next week, we will reflect on how we draw closer to God in prayer and what different ways there are to pray.

## **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.



## Most Needed Items

Low Sodium, Low Sugar, and Whole Grain items preferred. **No glass please!**

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Cereal

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Peanut or Almond Butter

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Canned Tuna and Chicken

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Canned Soups, Stews and Chili

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Canned Fruit

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Canned Veggies

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Beans, Canned or Dried

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Boxed Mac & Cheese

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Pasta and Rice

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Spaghetti Sauce

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Paper Products

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Baby Food, Formula, and Diapers

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Soap, Toothbrushes, and Feminine Products

*Thank You!*

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