

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Jan 6, 2023

2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

We pray that each and every one of you had a very restful, blessed, and joyous Christmas and New Year!

Welcome back all our mathematicians, scientists, readers, theologians, and so much more! We missed you all so much! Impressively, in just these few short days, everyone has been engaged and ready to learn!

On Thursday this week, the Sloths and Cheetahs played detective and discovered a special secret... Mrs. Pearring is having a baby! The children loved making predictions about whether it's a boy or girl, coming up with different names, and writing step-by-step how to take care of a baby. So much joy, excitement and fun all around!

We can't wait to continue to watch your little one grow and blossom as we continue through this special 2nd grade year!

God bless, Mrs. Pearring & Mrs. Robinson m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org h.robinson@cvillecatholic.org

Calendar

1/3 -School Resumes 1/6 - Blue/Gold Day 1/12 - End of the 2nd Quarter 1/13 - No School 1/16 - No School 1/17-1/27 - MAP Testing 2/7 - Field Trip to Paramount Theater 1/29-2/4 - Catholic Schools Week 2/20 - No School 2/21 - Mexican Fiesta 3/4 - Father/Daughter Dance

Announcements

- On the road again! Our next field trip is on the horizon! We'll be visiting the Paramount Theater to experience "Danny Carmo's Mathematical Mystery!" Permission slips are in red folders today and attached to this newsletter. Please return these by Thursday, January 12. If you are interested in being a driver, please use this Google Form.
 - While we would love to take all interested parents as our amazing chaperones, space on this trip is limited. Completion of the interest form unfortunately does not guarantee a chaperone position. Confirmation emails will be sent on or before Friday, January 20.
- No spelling instruction, test, or homework for the next two short school weeks. We'll turn our attention to nouns!
- The goosebumps are back! Please help your child dress warmly for outdoor play, in labeled outerwear! If you're missing items, check out the CCS Lost & Found (located in the stairwell near the cafeteria), as well as the Silly Sloth Classroom Lost & Found (located in a box under the ActivPanel), which, by the way, is overflowing! Eek!
- 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 Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs showcased their fabulous fact fluency this week while adding two-digit numbers, with and without regrouping! Ask your child to teach you the "elevator math" strategy, and keep up the wonderful work practicing math fact fluency at home!

If your child is like us and is a math monster, check out SplashLearn.com! Your child may access the site for free to complete work that we assign.

Literacy

Our ravenous readers were so ready to get their noses back in a book, and were stoked to meet resume reading groups! In addition to small-group reading, both the Sloths and Cheetahs are being treated to new read aloud books by famed children's author, Roald Dahl. Ask your kiddo about what new, fun and silly words they've heard in these delightful books!

Grammar gurus! Our sensational students have been expertly reviewing nouns, proper nouns (complete with capitalization), dates with commas, abbreviations, and initials. To put this skill immediately into practice, the Cheetahs and Sloths wrote stories about a friend, inspired by the book "Miss Tizzy" by Libba Moore Gray. Our sweet storytellers first practiced making a list to generate ideas for their writing piece, wrote a draft using success criteria, and then used their five senses to add darling details to bring their story to life.

Religion

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

Next week, they will continue their unit on prayer and learn about the special feast of the Epiphany!

Science/Social Studies

New year, new unit! The Sloths and Cheetahs tackled a new unit on famous Americans! After first listing the characteristics of leaders and what makes someone famous, our bold biographers learned all about Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington Carver. Details about an upcoming project/presentation that will showcase your radiant researcher's many talents will be shared soon!



Dear Parent or Legal Guardian:

Your child is eligible to participate in a school sponsored activity requiring transportation to a location away from the school building. This activity will take place under the guidance and supervision of employees from Charlottesville Catholic School. A brief description of the activity follows:

Name of Event: Danny Carmo's Mathematical Mysteries

Educational Objective: estimation, mental calculation, patterns, number grids, rows/columns, probability,

fractions, place value, elementary algebra

Sponsor of Activity: Second Grade

number:

Date and time of departure: February 7, 2023 - 11:30 am

Date and time of return: February 7, 2023 - 2:15 pm

Method of transportation: Parent Chaperone Car Pool

Please return this form by: Thursday, February 12, 2023

Contact person in case of emergency:_____

Phone