



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

10/13/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Hip, hip, hooray! It's nearly Field Trip Day! Please sign and return the [permission form](#) by Wednesday, October 18. Paper copies were sent home in backpack mail yesterday.
- EVENT STAFF NEEDED for **All Saints Day** (11/1) - Help us set up the Saint boards for our Hall of Saints! We're looking for 5 VIRTUS trained volunteers to assist. Please sign up [HERE!](#)
- Cue the cuties!! The Hawks have been selected to lead the entertainment portion of the upcoming CCS Veteran's Day Service! If your sweet singer would like to practice at home to prepare for the big day, here is the [link](#).
- Still time to share your gifts! If you'd like to join us for Hispanic Heritage Month, the Hawks and I would love to host you! A huge thank you to Leah Eads for enhancing our learning this week!
- My, how time flies when you're having fun! Next Friday, October 20 is the end of the first quarter! This day will be an 11:30AM dismissal, designed to allow teachers time to work on report cards. Junior Kindergarten Extended Day will **not be offered** on October 20. However, STEAM aftercare will still be in session. Report cards will be released on Friday, October 27.
- Cheese! Yearbook and school photos are now available to order, and your Hawk is cute as a button! Login/order information was sent home in an envelope in your youngest child's backpack on Tuesday, October 10. Questions? Please reach out to Mr. Seibert. If you'd like to request retakes, please email Mrs. Fowlkes

(ch.fowlkes@cvillecatholic.org) to get on the retake schedule for Tuesday, October 17.

Calendar/Important Dates

9/15-10/15 - Hispanic Heritage Month

10/17 - Bilingual Mass

10/20 - End of 1st Quarter, 11:30 am Dismissal

10/23- Field Trip to the Paramount Theater

10/27 - 1st Quarter Report Cards released

10/31 - Halloween parade (timing TBD, typically shortly after carline)

11/1 - All Saints Day Mass (8:10-9:10) and Second Grade Wax Museum, 10:00-11:30 am

11/16 - Theatrical Performance of "A Native American Cinderella," 12:45-1:30 pm

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

12/14 - JK-2 Concert

12/19 - Polar Express (volunteer timing TBD)

1/10 - Science Day (volunteering timing TBD)

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

4/24 - Trashion Show, 2:15-2:45 pm (CCS Gym)

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Social Studies/Science

A huge thank you to Ms. Christine Shank for sharing her artifacts and information about the tribes of the Pacific Northwest. Our studious second graders love learning together in the STEM Lab. Guest speakers are invaluable!

If you have a moment, pop by Charlottesville Catholic to see the fabulous work your proud project professional has created. These projects will be sent home at the end of next week.

Calling all scientists!! On Monday, the Hawks will be treated to a magical unit on Matter! Gobs of experiments are in store...designed to get your child squealing with excitement!

Math

Unit 3 is in the books! Graded tests were sent home in folders on Wednesday. Congratulations to the Hawks for persevering during a challenging unit!

The Hawks will next turn their mathematical minds to addition and subtraction. Unit 4 will combine computation with problem solving. Our awesome adders and super subtractors will tackle both one- and two-step story problems, showing their mathematical thinking with pictures, equations, and words. A "readiness" diagnostic is in folders today.

Flex for fluency! Help your Hawk do some fluency “reps” each day to keep his/her mental math muscles in shape. It’s the perfect activity for soccer sidelines or when cooped-up in carline!

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

In second grade, the literacy focus changes from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” The Hawks are tickled pink to be learning all about the world and cultures around them during Hispanic Heritage Month. Ask your cutie about Brazilian churrascerias (all-you-can eat steakhouses!), the Chilean wilderness, and the Angel Falls in Venezuela.

The Hawks were treated to two fabulous read alouds this week: “Night in the Country” by Cynthia Rylant and “Miss Tizzy” by Libba Moore Gray. With eyes closed, the Hawks listened to the rich, descriptive language in each of these beautifully written books, and formed pictures in their heads before drinking in the exquisite illustrations present on the pages. Next, the Hawks shared the words and phrases that brought characters, setting, and events to life, evoking “movies in their heads.” Using these books as inspiration for adding descriptive language to their own work, the Hawks plan to take their writing from drab to fab!

New spelling words will be introduced next week! Please remind your child to select three activities from the [homework menu](#).

Theology

Reminder that our Hall of Saints project is on-going both in the classroom and at home. Please make sure to review project guidelines again with your Hawk and make sure that he/she is on track for the big day!

Blue Ribbon buddies for a Blue Ribbon School! A huge thank you to our Faith Buddies for helping us design our parade banner! With a dab of paint, a sprinkle of glitter, and a room full of smiles, we are ready to represent our spectacular school!

This week we read *The Quiltmaker's Gift* and talked about the gifts they have to give to others. Next week we will discuss how a gift is something given freely out of love and identify the Eucharist as a gift that Jesus gives us at every mass. We will also have our VIRTUS lesson that reinforces students responding with action when they or a friend are presented with unsafe situations. Lastly, we will start preparing to lead mass on Wednesday, November 1.