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Friday Newsletter

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2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families!

This week was jam-packed with learning! From addition/subtraction concepts to the study of Matter and putting the finishing touches on Saint paragraphs, our super second graders showed they can do it all!

Our radiant researchers have completed the final drafts of their Saint paragraphs. Final drafts will go home in red folders today for memorization and use on posters. Now that the school portion of this project is complete, please begin home components of the project with your child. To make sure that they are on track for their presentation on Tuesday, November 1st, please help your child make a plan for how to use the remaining time wisely. Now that paragraphs have gone home, memorization is key!

Thank you for your support and partnership! So blessed!

God bless,
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Announcements

- VOLUNTEERS ACQUIRED! – **All Saints Day** (11/1) - Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist in our Hall of Saints set up!
- Spelling/Word Work will resume next week, along with homework! Please use this [choice board](#) to help your child complete AND turn in homework.
- Cheese! 2nd Grade Picture Day is Thurs. October 27th. Students must be in formal uniform.

- Ms. Wisbey, our fabulous music teacher, has an amazing reward system in her classroom! One of the choices is a class talent show! Children are welcome to submit short (less than 1 min.) videos of even non-music related talents to showcase in class.
 - Mrs. Pearring's class, add your short videos to [THIS FOLDER](#)
 - Mrs. Robinson's class, add your short videos to [THIS FOLDER](#)
- Happy Fall, Y'all !! With the change in weather, please help your cutie layer to remain cozy and ready to learn! Make sure your child's name is in their outwear. We have had a lot of untagged sweaters left behind and we want to make sure that they are reunited with their proper owner!

Calendar

- 10/26 - Math Test, Chapter 1 (Apply Addition and Subtraction Concepts)
- 10/27 - 2nd Grade Picture Day
- 10/28 - First Quarter Report Cards
- 10/28 - Day of Service
- 10/31 - Halloween! More information to follow
- 11/1 - Hall of Saints project (directions attached)
- 11/3 - 11:30 Dismissal and Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/4 - No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Math

Our recent addition adventures and subtraction safaris allowed our masterful mathematicians to delve into the study of fact families/related facts and missing addends. They used these skills to solve story problems using a variety of strategies, including counting on, counting back, drawing, mental math, and solving with equations. Regardless of the chosen strategy, the Cheetahs and Sloths are all learning to discern what they know vs. what they need to know, identify target words/phrases that indicate which operation to use, and write a complete equation with the numbers in the correct order.

Let's build automaticity with math facts! Please help your Sloth or Cheetah practice addition and subtraction facts daily. We're in this together!

Literacy

Phew! What. A. Week! Your children are writing machines! After having reviewed the entire writing process, students outlined their information by answering questions, then using those questions to compose a rough draft. Next, students conferenced with us to revise and improve their paragraphs. Finally, everyone worked to put forth their best effort and best handwriting to produce a final copy worthy of their incredible project!

Next week, we will settle back into a slightly more normal Literacy routine. Spelling will resume (please make sure Spelling Homework is complete!), reading groups will meet, and many books will be devoured! We will also be continuing our sentence study, this time

learning about asking and exclaiming sentences with a review of all types of sentences at the end of the week.

Religion

Alongside our incredible Saint project work in reading class, students learned more about the Beatitudes this week in Religion as we read two more from Jared Dees book, "Beatitales: 80 Fables about the Beatitudes for Children." The students love these stories! Then, your little theologian dove even deeper into what their conscience is and how we form it. On Wednesday, they received a crash course in the 10 Commandments. Ask them if they remember any of the hand signals that they learned to help them remember each of the commandments.

With an understanding of free will, right from wrong, their conscience, and the laws and guidances that God has given them, next week students will learn about the 7 Sacraments!... channels for God's grace to flow into our lives as He seeks to share His life with us and strengthen us. Later on, we will take a closer look at the individual Sacraments, in particular those that some of our sweet second graders are receiving this year!

Science/Social Studies

Last week, we introduced the study of Matter with a hands-on, interactive program at Amazement Square. It's so fabulous when we leave our students wanting more!

This week, our savvy scientists defined matter as all things that take up space and have mass, and brainstormed a giant list of the matter that they see around them. Next, they learned all about the three states/phases of matter (solid, liquid, and gas), how to distinguish between each stage, what causes a change in state (increase or decrease in temperature), and how the particles in each state of matter differ (we acted this out...so fun!).

Armed with expertise, the Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs conducted experiments in the classroom and in the STEM lab. Ask them how they made water appear in a plastic bag using nothing but their breath!

Social Studies projects will be going home next week. Please send in a paper grocery bag (or other large bag) so they can be easily transported home.

Hall of Saints
2022 2nd grade Saint Project

As the Church prepares to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st, second grade has the distinct honor of learning about some of these holy men and women in a very special way!

Please read all of the information below for full instructions on the assignment.

Research Project Instructions

Students will:

- Research** (to be done at school)
- Write** a report (to be done at school)
- Create** a tri-fold (to be done at home)
- Prepare** a costume (to be done at home)
- Present** (to be practiced at home and presented at school)

Research: This component of the project is completed in school. Students will be provided with the tools to research their saint. Research will include: date of birth and country, how they became a saint, interesting facts, and their feast day.

Report: This component will be done at school. Students will be graded on completion, handwriting, grammar, and mechanics. Neatness is important.

Tri-fold: This component will be completed at home. Please use a standard tri-fold display board (36 x 48). The tri-fold will include:

- Name of saint
- At least 3 pictures of the saint
- At least 3 written facts about the saint
- A copy of the report (I will send this home)
- Any additional decoration that relates to the saint is encouraged

Costume: This component is to be done at home. Please let me know if you need assistance.

Presentation: This component will be a joint effort of home and school. The oral presentation must be memorized. The presentation is their written report. Once the report is sent home, please work regularly to memorize.

Due dates:

The report will be completed at school and a copy will be sent home no later than Friday, October 21.

The presentation which includes the completed tri-fold, costume, and memorized speech will be presented on **Tuesday, November 1**.

Students will be graded on the completion of all project components.

Hall of Saints - Saint Presentations

On Tuesday, November 1, students are to come to school with their completed tri-fold and dressed in their costumes over their uniforms.

Following our school Mass, at approximately 10:00am, students will present their reports in a wax museum style format. Students will be set in the Performance Space and surrounding hallway with their boards and a miraculous "button," which, when pushed, makes them come to life and tell their sacred story. The school community and parents will get the opportunity to come and visit our holy Hall of Saints!