



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

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2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families!

Excitement is buzzing in second grade! Our little cheetahs and sloths cannot wait for our fabulous Saint celebrations next week!

On Halloween, along with exciting spooky learning in the classroom, we will have our annual JK-2nd grade Halloween parade. If you are available, consider joining us at 8:15am! For more information about costume parameters and details about the parade, please read the announcements below.

All Saints Day is right around the corner and our future Saints are going to be wonderful representatives of the Holy Men & Women of old! To start off this Solemnity, students will process in for Mass dressed as their Saint, and then we will set up for a full day of visitors to our wax museum style "Hall of Saints." Please consider joining us for one or both parts of the day!

Please note the rest of our week's schedule;

- Mass is on Tuesday only this week. There will be no Mass on Thursday
- Half-day on Thursday, followed by Parent-Teacher Conferences (see sign-up links below)
- No school for students Friday for Parent-Teacher Conferences (see sign-up links below)

Finally, we have reached the end of the first quarter! Huzzah! Report cards are now visible on FACTS. We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you next week!

God bless,
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Announcements

- **Happy Halloween!** Monday, October 31, will be our Halloween Parade for students in JK-2nd Grade, and Halloween Tag Day for students in 3rd-8th. The parade will begin at 8:15am. JK-2 parents are welcome to join us! Weather permitting, please line up outside along the sidewalk and blacktop; you do not need to come into the building.

Students in JK-2 may wear an appropriate Halloween costume to school, but they must be able to remove it, and be in their school uniform, if it is uncomfortable or distracting. Masks and props are not permitted, and students should be in their school approved shoes.

- **All Saints Day** (11/1) Come visit our wax museum! Our Saints will be welcoming visitors from 10:00am-11:20am and 1:00-2:30pm. We would love it if you would stop by! Consider joining us for 8:15 Mass as well to see the Holy Saint procession!
 - *Directions are still attached at the bottom of this newsletter. Please review to make sure that all items are completed for Tuesday!*
- Students will have fun Halloween Spelling/Word Work next week, but NO HOMEWORK! We will resume using the [choice board](#) soon.
- **Conference** sign up! Click the link for your child's teacher to schedule your meeting for either Thursday, November 3rd or Friday, November 4th. We're excited to tell you all about your cutie and his/her accomplishments in second grade!
 - [Pearing Conferences](#)
 - [Robinson Conferences](#)
- 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. Pearing's class, add your short videos to [THIS FOLDER](#)
 - Mrs. Robinson's class, add your short videos to [THIS FOLDER](#)

Calendar

- 10/31 - **Halloween!** See above for more information
- 11/1 - **All Saints Day!**
 - Mass Day
 - Hall of Saints project
- 11/3 - **11:30 Dismissal and Parent/Teacher Conferences**
 - No Mass
- 11/4 - **No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Math

Hooray! The Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs have successfully completed another unit in math. Please check folders for the graded test (Form 2B). Give your child a high five for a job well done!

Next week, we'll begin working with number patterns. Featured skills include: skip counting (by 2s, 5s, and 10s), repeated addition, arrays, even/odd numbers, and sums of equal numbers. As always, we'll incorporate problem solving strategies into our daily instruction.

Fancy fluency! Please practice math facts with your child daily to build fluency and automaticity. Our goal is for all second graders to be able to recall math facts without the use of fingers, drawings, or manipulatives by the end of the second quarter.

Literacy

Word Work and reading and grammar...Oh My! The Sloths and Cheetahs can do it all!

Each week, our spectacular spellers participate in a variety of word work activities, such as Draw and Label, Rainbow Write, Sentences, Hangman, etc.

In addition to word work, the Cheetahs and Sloths are busy studying and writing several types of sentences, including telling, commanding, asking, and exclaiming. Two critical writing skills in second grade are capitalization and punctuation. Please help your child edit for both when he/she is writing at home.

In keeping with the holiday season, our spooky second graders are reading Halloween themed passages to build comprehension. Ask your child about Vampire Bats, Frankenstein, Pumpkins, and the History of Halloween! This festive theme will continue next week with our dive into the religious origin of Halloween as well as All Saints Day!

Religion

With an understanding of free will, right from wrong, their conscience, and the laws and guidances that God has given them, this week, students learned 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. Our little theologians learned a catchy song to remember all seven of them! See if they can sing it for you!

Next week is All Saints Day!!! The day is finally here! Again, please review the project guidelines included at the end of this newsletter to make sure your Saint is on track!

Following our all day "Hall of Saints" marathon, we will dive back into the 7 Sacraments, reviewing the signs, symbols, and purpose of each.

Science/Social Studies

Our unit on Matter is winding down, but the excitement is still building! This week the Cheetahs and Sloths experimented with balloon rockets and dancing raisins. On Halloween, we'll use our knowledge of Matter to create ghost balloons, make a pumpkin puke, and follow a recipe for elephant toothpaste! As super scientists, the Sloths and Cheetahs are using the scientific method, collaboration, and a growth mindset to explore the world around them.

In our next unit, we'll turn our focus back to Social Studies to learn all about the symbols and traditions that honor and foster patriotism in the United States of America, as well as the responsibilities of a good citizen.

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!