



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

Nov 11, 2022

2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

Your cute kiddo has been a busy bee in second grade this week, buzzing with excitement! We are always so thrilled to see the wonder and curiosity bursting out of each of them!

God bless,

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Announcements

- The Charlottesville Catholic Christmas Concert is back (see calendar for date/time). Help your Silly Sloth/Rainbow Cheetah be ready for his/her spotlight moment by practicing at home! Check your child's folder for lyrics today!
- Several of our sweet second graders are not turning in Spelling/Word Work homework. Please use the [choice board](#) to complete homework. Spelling/Word Work homework is **due each week on Fridays**.
- #IGiveCatholic, which takes place on November 29, is a Giving Day for the faithful across the nation (and the globe) to come together to raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic priests, schools, and ministries in participating arch/dioceses. A Community of Donors has set forth a \$27,000 match. These funds will match any donations that are new or increased from the previous fiscal year.
- Ho, ho, ho! The Charlottesville Catholic School St. Nick Shop is returning this year! Students in JK-5th grade will be visiting this North Pole themed shop from 12/5-12/9 (make-up date: 12/12)

- Donations of gift wrap materials (various sizes of gift bags, tissue paper, tape, etc.), craft supplies for shop activities, unwrapped gifts (\$20 or under) are being sought! Be on the lookout for sign-ups in upcoming Tuesday Tellers!
- As cooler temperatures approach, please send your child to school with **LABELED OUTERWEAR.**
- Reminder: Ms. Wisbey, our marvelous 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](#)

Calendar

- 11/23-11/25 - School Closed for Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 - Winter Dress Begins
- 12/2 - Blue & Gold Day
- 12/14 - Christmas Concert, 6:15 pm (students arrive by 6:00)
- 12/16 - 11:30 Dismissal
- 12/19-12/30 - Christmas Break

Math

Patterns, patterns, everywhere! The Sloths and Cheetahs applied their skip counting knowledge to problem solving, repeated addition, and arrays. In addition to numbers, our pattern pioneers also worked with shapes and objects to identify, extend, and create number patterns. Many of our mathematicians enjoy using counters, hundred charts, and drawings to solve story problems, and are learning to show their mathematical thinking in pictures, numbers, and words.

And...they're off! Week two of timed daily math fact practice is underway. To support your marvelous mathematician, please practice math facts at home daily.

If your child would like to practice math at home, check out [SplashLearn.com](https://www.splashlearn.com)! The account has free home service for work assigned by teachers.

Literacy

The Cheetahs and Sloths began novel studies this week! After a non-fiction heavy first quarter, they are excited to dive into fiction! We're building fluency, practicing reading with intonation and expression (reading like actors!), segmenting words (isolating syllables and prefix/suffixes) to decode unfamiliar words, and asking questions to support deep understanding.

Hooray for sensational spellers! Please check folders for Word Work/Spelling Tests.

Religion

Happy Vocations Awareness week! This week, the Cheetahs and Sloths learned how God has called us all to a unique Vocation... the way that he is calling us to love and serve Him and others throughout our lives. We explored the 4 Vocations – Marriage, Priesthood, Religious Life, and Single Life, and identified how each of these ways allow us to love and serve.

On Tuesday, during our chapel visit, the children got to see and hear about priestly vestments – alb, cincture, stole, and chasuble – and learned why they are different colors... because of the different liturgical seasons!

On Wednesday, after taking the 7 Sacraments Quiz, we then learned about our “adopted” seminarian, Matt Kelly, who is studying within our diocese to become a priest. We added him to our list of intentions, along with an increase in Vocations, and wrote him wonderful encouraging cards!

Next week, we will begin to take a closer look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation as the time for those who are receiving this year draws near!

Science/Social Studies

What a perfect week to kick off a unit about traditions that honor and foster patriotism in the United States of America, as well as the responsibilities of a good citizen! From Election Day to Veterans Day, the Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs were hands-on! From creating a "responsibility quilt" to designing their own symbol that represents either Charlottesville Catholic or their homeroom (complete with artist statement!), it was the perfect way to introduce these important concepts. Next week, our patriotic pals will learn all about the following iconic symbols: Washington Monument, bald eagle, American flag, and the Statue of Liberty, and learn the meaning and history behind the Pledge of Allegiance!