

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

What an exciting week we have had in 2nd Grade! The students are so happy to be back upstairs in their classroom and are acclimating so nicely. What a wonderful gift!

Individualized assessments are underway and going well. We are using this data to restructure reading and spelling groups, and will therefore take a brief pause on spelling homework next week (11/15-11/19) while new routines are established. We anticipate being able to share the data we have collected after the Thanksgiving Break. Data sheets will go home in Friday folders after we return.

On top of all the other wonderful things this week, on Wednesday we were greeted by a hot air balloon flying above CCS (see picture below) and on Thursday, students planted flags in honor of our Veterans with the rest of the school community.

God bless,

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Reminders / Announcements:

- We're excited to utilize the STEAM Lab for Science and STEAM next week! If you'd like to donate supplies, please click this [link](#)
- No spelling homework next week (11/15-11/19).
- Winter Uniform begins after Thanksgiving break (11/22-11/26).
 - No shorts
 - Navy knee high socks or tights only
 - *Reminder*, hair cuts are a part of the uniform for gentlemen. Please make sure hair is neat and tidy.

From administration:

All adults who wish to volunteer at CCS must be Virtus trained. While volunteering in the building is currently on hold, we will be hosting a training session at CCS on Thursday, November 18 from 5:30PM-8:30PM. If you would like to volunteer, you will need to register for this training via the Virtus website (this session is now available on the Virtus website, virtusonline.org).

Our new [Online Spirit Wear Store website](https://spiritwear.cvillecatholic.org/) has launched and is open for orders! Visit <https://spiritwear.cvillecatholic.org/> to see our current offerings. The current sale will close at 12:00PM (noon) on Monday, November 15.



Math

Students are using regrouping while computing and problem solving with two, three, and four addends.

Next week, students will have the opportunity to review addition with regrouping on both Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, students will showcase their knowledge on the Chapter Test. We'll finish the week with a re-focus on math fact fluency and a collaborative Thanksgiving math project.

Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)

This week, students participated in Literacy rotations, reviewing plural nouns, types of sentences, writing creative stories, reading to self, and covering other academic content. During this time, students were pulled for reading assessments. Utilizing the Rigby PM Benchmark Reading Kit, we are in the process of identifying new Guided Reading Levels for each student, using the fluency (reading rate and intonation), accuracy (words read correctly), and comprehension data we have collected. We also used the Developmental Spelling Assessment (DSA) to assess student spelling levels, as well as which spelling features to target in upcoming instruction.

Students also learned about our Veterans on Veterans day with an informational read and a school-wide prayer service/flag planting ceremony. They also had the opportunity to participate in meaningful activities all day long, including writing a letter to servicemen and women!

Next week, students will continue reading to self, identifying parts of speech, and following writing prompts during our literacy rotations, as well as participating in small groups to read

and review Scholastic News pages. Students will also learn the history and traditions of Thanksgiving through read alouds and reading passages, and many writing opportunities.

Science / Social Studies

Students learned more specific information about each of the seven continents, and will continue their study of geography as they begin to study the lives and contributions of the Powhatan, Lakota, and Pueblo tribes following the Thanksgiving Break.

Students also learned about Good Citizens and Communities, and had the opportunity to build classroom community by voting on class names, designing class flags, and creating classroom constitutions that represent the values of each class. 2A is now named The Praying Puppies and 2B is now named The Holly Jollies. Below are the constitutions for each class:

<p>The Praying Puppies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Be Reverent2. Obey 10 Commandments3. Let Everyone Have a Voice4. Treat Others The Way You'd Like To Be Treated5. Be An Advocate6. Spread Joy and Be Awesome!	<p>The Holly Jollies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Be Kind2. Be Patient3. Be Safe4. Be Thankful5. Let Everyone Have a Voice6. Have Fun!
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Next week, we will be conducting some fabulous Science/STEAM experiments as we celebrate Autumn and Thanksgiving. If you'd like to donate materials, please click this [link](#):

Religion

This week, students learned about the 7 Sacraments of the Church and described them as signs given to us by God that give us His Grace.

Next week, we will learn about sin, mortal and venial, its origin from Adam & Eve, and learn the 10 Commandments, identifying them as God's Laws of Love.

Next Friday... we will cover the Protecting God's children lesson. The objective of this lesson is to help give children the ability to identify and define adult behaviors that indicate that the person wants more than friendship, helping children to trust their instincts when someone makes them uncomfortable or the actions are confusing. More information will be coming home from Dr. Riley.