

# Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade 11/19/21

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

Grateful! Thankful! Blessed! Wishing you all the best for a Thanksgiving full of family, friends, and food! May your travels be safe and your hearts be happy!

God bless,

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### **Reminders / Announcements:**

1. Congratulations Abigail! She has won a pizza party for 2nd grade! Pizza will be provided for our lunch on Monday, November 29th.
2. Please send your child to school DAILY with **proper outerwear** (coats, hats, etc.). Don't forget to label these items! We will be eating, playing, and learning **OUTSIDE** as much as possible! Hooray!
3. Winter Uniform begins after Thanksgiving break (11/22-11/26).
  - o No shorts
  - o Navy knee high socks or tights only
  - o *Reminder*, hair cuts are a part of the uniform for gentlemen. Please make sure hair is neat and tidy.
4. Wanted! Parent Volunteers! If you're feeling crafty and would like to help prepare some fabulous social studies projects, please click [HERE](#)
5. Please help your child collect and bring to school the following items for upcoming Social Studies projects by **Tuesday, November 30, 2021**.
  - o 1 box (shoebox or similarly sized)
  - o 1 grocery bag or gallon ziplock bag of natural materials collected from outside (leaves, moss, sticks, acorns, rocks, etc.)

### **Math**

The Praying Puppies and The Holly Jollies concluded the unit on Addition with Regrouping. Please check folders for graded tests today!

Following this big achievement, our super second graders had the chance to browse recipes, "shop" from a Thanksgiving catalogue (decorations, tableware, dinner, and dessert), and create a grocery list to plan the perfect (pretend) classroom Thanksgiving celebration, all while staying within a pre-set budget and making sure they prepared enough food for the whole class. Our cuties worked in collaborative groups and learned a lot about delegating responsibility, taking turns, and listening.

Next week, our focus will be strengthening math fact fluency/fact families to best support our second graders for a unit on Subtraction with and without Regrouping.

### **Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)**

The Praying Puppies and The Holly Jollies spent this week reading non-fiction texts. Key features of non-fiction texts, reading aloud with expression, and comprehension skills were emphasized.

As authors, our second graders showcased their ability to create acrostic poems, use Venn diagrams to compare and contrast, and write persuasive arguments, all with a Thanksgiving lens.

Students also completed additional assessments in spelling, writing, and fluency. When we return from Thanksgiving Break, students will receive small-group targeted instruction in both reading and spelling.

### **Science / Social Studies**

Silly Science was a hit! Thank you to the many families who donated supplies...we are so thankful for your generosity!!!! Ask your child about the [Candy Catapult](#), the [Turkey Egg Drop](#), the [Dancing Popcorn](#), and the [Puking Pumpkin](#). Each experiment is linked in case you'd like to try them at home!

Following Thanksgiving Break, The Praying Puppies and The Holly Jollies will kick off a new unit focused on Native Americans. Our sensational second graders will be learning all about the Powhatan, Lakota, and Pueblo tribes. We have several hands-on activities planned and would love your help! **Please send in the following items with your child by Tuesday, November 30:**

- 1 box (shoebox or similarly sized)
- 1 grocery bag or gallon ziplock bag of natural materials collected from outside (leaves, moss, sticks, acorns, rocks, etc...the sky's the limit!)

The Praying Puppies and The Holly Jollies be using these natural materials to design villages for each tribe to showcase all that they have learned.

**Wanted! Parent Volunteers:** Directions and materials for each activity will be provided.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up (email will also be sent).

- Cutting strips of paper to serve as "skeleton" for wigwams (Powhatan homes)
- Sponge painting and cutting templates from wall paper samples for teepees (Lakota homes)
- Wrapping shoe boxes in yellow paper for Pueblo village

### **Religion**

This week, students learned about sin, mortal and venial, its origin from Adam & Eve, as well as the 10 Commandments, identifying them as God's Laws of Love. Ask your child to see if they can recite the 10 Commandments to you!

Following the break, we will be learning about the steps for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as how to make a good confession. Please know that all those preparing to receive their first Reconciliation are in my prayers!