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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

11/3/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- First quarter conferences are nearly here! Please take a moment to sign up for a conference using this [conference link](#); please also indicate whether you will be in person or virtual. I look forward to gushing about the Hawks!
- Join Wendy, John, Michael, and our elementary drama club on a trip to Neverland! Be there as Peter Pan battles Captain Hook, the Lost Boys fight pirates, Tiger Lily gets captured, and more! Performances of **"Pan!"** are TOMORROW (Saturday, November 4) at both 1:00PM and 6:00PM in the Performance Hall. There is no cost to attend!
- The Hawks will take a break from spelling next week to focus on our upcoming play ("A Native American Cinderella"). Spelling instruction will resume on 11/13.
- Bookworms! CCS is thrilled to host a virtual "Good News! Book Fair" from November 7-November 17th! Click [here](#) for a sneak peek. The best part? All book orders should arrive in time for Christmas!
- CCS will honor veterans on November 9 with a prayer service and flag planting ceremony at 8:15AM. Join us, and our close veteran friends, in the Gym for this very special school tradition. CCS students who participate in scouts may wear their scouting uniform to school that day. Students do not need to be in formal dress.
 - The Hawks will take center stage to share the gift of their voices at this wonderful event. If your sweet singer would like to perfect his/her performance for the upcoming CCS Veterans Day Service, Ms. Wisbey has provided this [link](#) as a resource.
- Did someone say **free tickets**? Complimentary tickets for CCS students and their accompanying adult(s) are available for the Charlottesville Symphony Orchestra Masterworks 3:30 pm concert on Sunday, November 12 at the Martin Luther King, Jr.

Performing Arts Center. You won't want to miss Beethoven's *Emperor* piano concerto or the symphonic choral works by American composers! Please use this [link](#) to request tickets by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 8.

- All aboard! On December 18, the Hawks will team up with first grade for a magical afternoon (12:30-3:00) on the Polar Express! A sign-up will be sent in the coming weeks to volunteer/donate!
- On December 19, the Hawks will celebrate "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" with the residents of a local senior living facility, singing Christmas carols and creating crafts to spread joy! The Hawks love finding ways to give back to the community! Requests for chaperones/drivers will be sent in the next few weeks.
- Don't forget to check out your Hawk's report card in FACTS!

Calendar/Important Dates

11/6 - Matter Assessment

11/7 - Unit 4 Math Test (Problem Solving)

11/9 - 11:30 Dismissal and Parent Teacher Conferences

11/10 - Parent Teacher Conferences

11/16 - Theatrical Performance of "A Native American Cinderella," 12:45-1:30 pm

11/17 - Albemarle Fire and Rescue Visit, 10:45-11:45

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

12/4-12/8 - St. Nick Shop

12/14 - JK-2 Concert

12/18 - Polar Express Classroom Event (12:30-3:00)

12/19 - Christmas Caroling Service Field Trip, 9:30-12:00

1/10 - Science Day (volunteering timing TBD)

3/13- Roald Dahl Day (volunteer timing TBD)

4/24 - Trashion Show, 2:15-2:45 pm (CCS Gym)

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Social Studies/Science

Spooky Science haunted our Halloween! Ask your child all about dancing ghouls, ghost balloons, puking pumpkins, exploding ziplocks, and foaming elephant toothpaste! Our fun was so gigantic, we'll continue it next week with some candy science! Thank you to the many generous families who donated materials and time for this frightful fun!

In our next unit, we'll turn our focus back to Social Studies to learn all about the symbols (American flag, Statue of Liberty, Bald Eagle, Washington Monument, and the Pledge of Allegiance), and traditions that honor and foster patriotism in the United States of America, as well as the responsibilities of a good citizen (voting, self-discipline, self-reliance, honesty,

trustworthiness, respecting rights and property of others, serving and improving our communities, etc.).

Math

In the final two lessons of Unit 4, the Hawks tackled two-step story problems with comparison, as well as two-step story problems using addition and subtraction. These marvelous mathematicians used vocabulary clues (some, more, fewer) to identify unknown numbers, which operation to use, and the order in which to place numbers in an equation) to solve each step, even remembering to add a label to the solution. We rounded out the week with a mixed review of this unit in class today. On Monday, the Hawks will complete another review. An optional practice test was sent home in folders yesterday.

On your mark, get set, go! Next week marks the beginning of timed daily math fact practice in class. The Hawks will build mastery (missing two or fewer problems) through 20 levels of fact fluency. To support your sweet student, please practice math facts at home daily. I'm hopeful that each of our super second graders will be able to recall math facts without the use of fingers, drawings, or manipulatives by the end of the second quarter.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

The Hawks filled their "reading cauldron" with nonfiction passages about Halloween and All Saints Day. They also enjoyed several spooky read alouds: "Where's My Mummy?" by Carolyn Crimi, "Room on the Broom" by Julia Donaldson, "Harry and the Terrible Whatzit" by Dick Gackebach, and "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything" by Linda Williams. These creepy books served as inspiration for our writing, featuring an emphasis on details and describing words to engage the reader. The Hawks started by making lists of scary words (dark, creaking, oozing, haunted, stormy, etc.) that were later used to create eerie sentence starters. These story starters were the springboard for hair-raising haunted stories penned by the Hawks. It was frighteningly fun to listen to each of them share their wicked work from the Author's Chair!

The Hawks also gave me some written advice about how to dress up for Halloween. Here are some of their adorable suggestions. They know me so well!

- Mrs. Robinson should dress up as a homework sheet because she is a teacher.
- Mrs. Robinson should be a disco ball because she loves to dance.
- Mrs. Robinson should dress up as Batman because he has a cool car.
- Mrs. Robinson should be a cat because they are cute and cuddly like she is!
- Mrs. Robinson should dress up as a president because she is the boss.
- Mrs. Robinson should be a mad scientist because she is crazy...in a good way!
- Mrs. Robinson should dress up as a monkey or a joke book because she is funny.
- Mrs. Robinson should be gravy because she loves gravy & is always talking about it!
- Mrs. Robinson should dress up as a bat because she flies all over my heart!
- Mrs. Robinson should be a smurf named Crazy because of all the weird things she does.

Curtain call! Now that the memorization of the saint reports is complete, the Hawks will keep their memory busy by learning lines for their parts in "A Native American Cinderella." "Home Scripts" were sent home in folders yesterday. Please keep these in a safe place. We'll utilize a "School Script" for practice in class.

Theology

Wow oh wow oh wow! Our incredible Saints-in-training hosted a spectacularly successful wax museum, showcasing their knowledge, poise, presentation skills, and creativity, ! A huge thank you to each family for supporting your Hawk with this enormous endeavor at home. We could not have done it without you!

Next week, the Church celebrates Vocations Awareness Week and Charlottesville Catholic is participating! In the classroom, we learned that Vocations are how God is calling us to love and serve Him in the world, what the 4 main Vocations are, AND we wrote letters to a seminarian! God is calling us on a mission to love and serve!

Our next unit will focus on the Sacraments. We will start by understanding what a sacrament is, identifying the seven sacraments, and learning how often and when we receive the sacraments. We will dive deeper into Reconciliation as we get closer to December as students are preparing in their parishes.



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