



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

12/15/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Head, shoulders, knees, and toes...they ALL get cold this time of year! Please send your child to school with **LABELED OUTERWEAR**. If you're missing items, check out the CCS Lost & Found (located in the stairwell near the cafeteria), as well as the Hawk Classroom Lost & Found (located in a crate outside our classroom door).
- It's the most wonderful time of the year! The Hawks have thoroughly enjoyed all of the festive fun in second grade this week! From creating special gifts to holiday sing-alongs, ornament making, and dance parties, our classroom has been full of smiles and joy! #BringOnTheCheer!
- The Hawks had a holly jolly time at our Christmas party! The cute crafts, groovy games, and festive food brought adorable cheer to these energetic elves! Thank you to our room parents, Keiran McDowell and Amanda Tucker, for organizing such a cute Christmas party, and to ALL OF YOU for the donations that made it both memorable and delicious!
- Next stop...the North Pole!! Your Hawk may come to school ready for our amazing adventure on the Polar Express wearing his/her jammies; he/she may also bring a cozy blanket and a sweet stuffy to snuggle. Make sure your cutie is wearing UNIFORM shoes.
 - If you'd like to contribute to the magic, please Venmo Mary Ellen Quinn @Meltag1763 (last 4 digits of cell are 5040). Please indicate in the Venmo description that this is for the 1&2 grade Christmas party (to prevent tax collection).
- No spelling instruction, test, or homework the week of January 1-January 5. We'll turn our attention to grammar when school weeks are shortened.
- The first gifts of Christmas? Reindeer food to sprinkle on your lawn and a single bell from Santa's sleigh for all who truly believe!

- I pray that each and every one of you has a very blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Calendar/Important Dates

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

12/19 - Christmas Caroling Service Field Trip, 12:30-3:00

1/9 - 2nd Grade Leads Mass, 8:15 am

1/10- Map Testing

1/17 - Science Day - DATE CHANGE!

2/23 - Field Trip to Amazement Square, 8:15 am-3:00 pm

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

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

5/3 - Communion Retreat

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Social Studies/Science

Uh oh! Sleigh malfunction at the North Pole! After decorating a hard boiled egg to look like Santa (it's amazing how much more invested the kiddos are when the egg is personable!), the Hawks teamed up in the STEM Lab to design a contraption to protect their Santa from potential Christmas mishaps. This festive and fun STEM challenge was a hit!

Math

Our marvelous mathematicians tried their hand at Christmas algebra (teddy bear + wreath = snowman!), used their critical thinking and problem solving skills to save Christmas with BreakoutEDU, and reviewed concepts from the first and second quarters with Christmas themed challenges. Nice work, cuties!

What's in store for the Hawks in January? Strategies to subtract fluently! You can prep your sweetheart with fact fluency practice...perfect for a long car ride, airport layover, or for showing off in front of grandma!

Let your digital darling check out SplashLearn.com over the Christmas Break! The Hawks have free access to classroom assignments on this site, including a sneak peek of subtraction assignments !

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

All Aboard! These vivacious voyagers embarked on a tremendous whirlwind trip to learn how Christmas and other holidays are celebrated around the world. Armed with a "suitcase," these sweet Santas-in-Training received passport stamps at each stop! Let your

Hawk amaze you with his/her knowledge of traditions around the world, as well as the ability to say "Merry Christmas" in a handful of languages!

Staffing shortage at the North Pole? SOLVED! The Hawks were delighted to receive a letter from Father Christmas bringing them aboard his magical team, complete with an elf identification badge! Of course Santa saw the shimmer and sparkle in each of these exuberant elves and hired them all!

Theology

Over the break, please consider spending special time in prayer with your family in remembrance of this special season of Christmas. We look forward to beginning a new unit on Prayer in class in the New Year!