

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade 12/03/21

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

Happy Advent! Welcome back! We hope your families had a restful break and are rejuvenated for a month of amazing learning!

Please read through the reminders below for important information and upcoming dates for these next couple of weeks.

God bless,

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Reminders / Announcements:

1. Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 8 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass will not be held on Friday, December 10. *Students must be in formal dress uniform.*
2. Monday, 12/6 is a Blue/Gold Day.
3. 12/13-12/17 ~ St. Nick's Shop
4. Thursday, 12/16 ~ Tacky Sweater Day
5. 2nd Grade will attend Mass in person on Friday, December 17th. If your child receives a reading next week, please be sure to practice with them at home.
6. 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!
7. We are busy planning Christmas parties for The Holly Jollies and The Praying Puppies. More information and volunteer requests will be shared via email next week.
8. Please refer to the [Spelling Homework Choice Board](#) for weekly spelling homework choices.

Math

The Praying Puppies and the Holly Jollies have begun a unit on two-digit subtraction, with and without regrouping, using the "take apart method" as well as the traditional algorithm. Strong automaticity with math facts positively impacts this unit, so please continue to practice addition and subtraction facts often. Flash cards, timed worksheets, and calling out problems while driving around town are all great ways to fit in some extra practice.

Next week, we will continue the subtraction unit with emphasis on the traditional regrouping algorithm. After next week, we will prepare for the test that is scheduled for Wednesday, 12/15.

Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)

The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies are working in small groups for targeted reading instruction, and are loving every minute of it! This week, your sweethearts have had read fiction and nonfiction pieces connected to our study of the Powhatan tribe, as well as fiction novels.

Our grammatical study of nouns (nons, proper nouns, singular and plural nouns, irregular plural nouns, collective nouns, punctuating nouns in a series, and singular and plural possessive nouns) is coming to an end! Next week, the kiddos will showcase their understanding with an in-class review, followed by a test on Tuesday. Flex those learning muscles!

Spelling instruction is underway! Please refer to the [Spelling Homework Choice Board](#) for weekly spelling homework choices. Word lists will be introduced weekly, with tests occurring on Fridays.

Science / Social Studies

Throughout the month of December, we will be studying Native Americans. As the Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies examine these civilizations, they will learn how the natural environments/landscapes of each tribe influenced the type of homes built, the sourcing of food, the type of transportation, and the delegation of necessary jobs. North American geography will also be highlighted this month as the kiddos identify major rivers and mountain ranges in each of the three regions..

This week, the Holly Jollies focused on the Powhatan Tribe of the Eastern Woodlands. The kiddos loved designing wigwams and creating an interactive village that shows their knowledge of all things Powhatan.

Religion

This week, students learned all about the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a beautiful Sacrament of Healing. The children reviewed the steps of the Sacrament and prayed the Act of Contrition. We also participated in a guided Examination of Conscience at the Chapel. Those preparing to receive the Sacrament soon said it was very helpful!

For the rest of the month, we will focus on the season of Advent as we prepare for Christmas. We will look at the stories and important figures in scripture that help tell the story of Christ's coming.