

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

We heart **CCS** and our community! Let's show some love next week with these fabulous opportunities:

- **Valentine's Day Tag Day - February 14**
 - This Valentine's Day, **CCS** has a generous donor giving 1\$ for each student and staff member that participates in Valentine's Day Tag Day to Habitat for Humanity. We appreciate this amazing gift. To participate, please dress your little Valentine in uniform bottoms and uniform shoes, paired with one or more of the following Valentine-themed items: T-shirts, sweaters, or sweatshirts, socks, belts, earrings, necklace, ribbons, bracelets, or headbands with stabilized decor (no flying or springy objects). Remember, please **NO** hats, sunglasses, wigs, masks, or anything that flashes.
- **CCS Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night - February 17**
 - Visit the **Barracks Road** location of Chick-Fil-A between 5:00-8:00 pm and let your cashier (dine in or drive thru) know that you are with **CCS Spirit Night**. 15% of all **CCS** sales will be given back to our spectacular school!

God bless,

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Reminders / Announcements:

1. No Spelling Homework Next Week!
2. We're hosting a Valentine's Day Extravaganza on Monday! Thank you for making this event a success by donating supplies!
3. Upcoming Fun for the Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies
 - "Twosday" (2/22/2022) - February 22
 - Science Day - February 25
 - Dr. Seuss Day - March 2
 - Roald Dahl's Half-Birthday Bash - March 11

Wow! The Praying Puppies and the Holly Jollies are data experts! So proud of all they have accomplished! Please check folders for graded tests today.

Next week, we'll return to computation with a unit focused on three digit addition, with and without regrouping. Automaticity with math facts is critical to success in computation. Thank you for continuing to support your Holly Jolly or Praying Puppy at home with oral practice, flash cards, worksheets, etc. The hard work will pay off!

Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)

The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies have voraciously read biographies of some pretty fabulous people! We're thrilled to incorporate this nonfiction reading into an interdisciplinary project, too!

Our sweet second graders have also loved reading literature in honor of Black History Month, including the following titles: *Langston Hughes: African American Author and Poet* by Lucia Raatma, *Float Like A Butterfly* by Ntozake Shange, *Touch the Sky: Alice Coachman, Olympic High Jumper* by Ann Malaspina, *Child of the Civil Rights Movement* by Paula Young Shelton & Raul Colon, *Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down* by Andrea Davis Pinkney, *A Spy Called James: The True Story of James Lafayette, Revolutionary War Double Agent* by Ann Rockwell, and *Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp-Stride* by Andrea Davis Pinkney & Brian Pinkney.

Congratulations to our grammar gurus for completing the unit on Verbs! Please check folders for corrected tests today. Next week, we'll begin a unit on synonyms and antonyms.

Reminder: Due to the short week, there will be no spelling homework next week. We will utilize that time to delve deep into our biography projects.

Science / Social Studies

Our second graders are project people! This week, the Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies carefully chose and read a biography of a famous person. Then, using research skills, our little biographers selected important information from their nonfiction text to highlight in one of three awesome projects:

- Interview - "The Talker" - Students will showcase their flair for drama by writing and acting out a script in which their famous person is interviewed on a "TV Talk Show"
- Portrait - "The Artist" - Students will create a lifesize portrait of their famous person with handwritten facts and textural details (buttons, yarn, paint, fabric, etc.) with factual context (example: including a bus for Rosa Parks or a kite and key for Benjamin Franklin) to entice their viewers
- Google Slideshow - "The Techie" - Students will take on the role of "professor" to create a captivating Google slideshow full of facts about their famous person to present to their second grade classmates.

Ask your Praying Puppy or Holly Jolly which project choice he/she selected!

We are thankful to students in both Mrs. Bryan's and Mr. Siebert's classes who are supporting our second graders with reading, research, rehearsing, and recording.

Religion

This week, students played a review game on prayer and took their quiz on Tuesday. They did a fantastic job! The children enjoyed learning about St. Josephine Bakhita, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Bernadette as well. All you holy men and women, pray for us!

Next week, we will learn about the life of St. Valentine and begin to discuss how we praise and thank God in the Mass.