



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter

### 2nd Grade

### 02/16/2024

#### Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Friends make the world go 'round! Valentine's Day is the perfect time to reflect on and be thankful for our wonderful friends and classmates! We found many ways to honor this special day with friends through science, math, and literacy. Ask your Hawk about our hilarious Valentine Mad Libs, kooky candy science experiments complete with vanishing cotton candy, and the Valentine Minute to Win It Competition! It's a great day when eyes are wide and smiles are wider!
- Next on our busy 2nd grade agenda... Amazement Square Field Trip on Friday, February 23! Remember that your sweet little Hawk will need a **PACKED LUNCH**, and should wear jeans with his/her **TEAM BLUE** or **TEAM GOLD** shirt.
- This week begins the season of Lent! Please consider taking time as a family to discuss something to give up and take up that will help you and your family draw closer to the Lord. While sacrifices are hard, we make them to remind us of Jesus' sacrifice for us and how sacrifices can be transformed into something beautiful. Below are a few resources that you may wish to refer to as you prepare your hearts for the coming of our Resurrected Lord at Easter:
  - [A Lenten Checklist for Catholic Families \(Sadlier\)](#)
  - [Your Catholic Family Guide to Lent \(Teaching Catholic Kids\)](#)
  - [Keeping Lent: A Guide to What We DO for Kids \(Catholic All Year\)](#)
- CRS Rice Bowls were distributed this week, the charitable Lenten program from Catholic Relief Services. Your alms given to this cause will help support the work of CRS in over 100 countries. Twenty-five percent of the donations collected via the Rice Bowls stay in our local Richmond Diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. The other seventy-five percent will assist in CRS causes worldwide. Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent.
  - During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of

prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

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### Calendar/Important Dates

2/16 - No School - Teacher Work Day

2/19 - No School - Presidents Day

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

3/4 - No School - Teacher Work Day

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

3/22 - End of 3rd Quarter

3/28 - Holy Thursday and 11:30 am Dismissal

3/29-4/7 - Easter Break

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

5/3 - Communion Retreat

5/10 - Grandparents and Great Friends Day

5/24 - JK-7th Grade Field Day; 11:30 am Dismissal

5/27- No School - Memorial Day

## Science

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Magnet magicians!! The Hawks had an absolute blast performing magnet magic for Kindergarten, eliciting loads of oohs and awes! The best part according to the Hawks? The big reveal and explanation, of course! It's an honor to watch these stellar scientists shine!

Next week, Hawks will learn all about gravity and friction, testing out each with lots of fun experiments!

## Math

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Radiant regroupers! To meet the varied learning styles of these marvelous mathematicians, math this week has focused on strategies for regrouping that hit the needs of the visual, auditory, reading/writing, and kinesthetic learners in our class. Using games, physical manipulatives, technology, drawings, and equations, the Hawks are experimenting with the strategies *and* tools that boost their mathematical confidence.

Fluency fireworks!! Keep those math fact skills sharp with nightly fact practice. Your cute kiddo is sure to wow you with all of the progress he/she has made!

Pool noodles! SplashLearn.com is a marvelous math resource for home use! N Follow these easy steps to set up home access:

1. Go to <https://uss.splashlearn.com/uss/f7NKJAEN>
2. Sign up for free and verify your email.
3. Enter class code: UBKIID
4. Select your child's profile to complete setup.

## Language Arts/Reading/Writing

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Spelling is back in full swing! Due to the four-day schedule both this week and next, the Hawks will work with the current word list AGAIN next week. Need ideas for practice at home? Check out this OPTIONAL [spelling menu](#)! The test for these words will occur next Thursday, February 22.

Another curtain call is upon us! The Hawks are putting the finishing touches on their scripts, puppets, scenery, and props, and getting ready to perform for Junior Kindergarten next week. This interdisciplinary project incorporates skills from art, reading, writing, and oral expression, including: genre identification, re-telling, oral fluency, reading aloud with expression and intonation, writing in complete sentences, correctly using punctuation and capitalization in written work, conceptualizing artistic ideas, conveying meaning through artistic presentation, and developing/refining a variety of artistic techniques.

## Theology

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We spent our time together this week talking about Lent. We watched a *Brother Francis* video that explained Lent to them. We shared ways we can grow closer to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In Chapel, students reflected on Fr. Suarez's Ash Wednesday homily and spent time singing.