

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade 2/18/22

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

What an exciting week we had! The students had so much fun during our Valentine's Day / 100th Day celebrations on Monday, learning about the Saint behind the holiday, participating in collaborative games, conducting candy science experiments, and so much more. Thank you to all of YOU, the fabulous parents, who continue to support us by giving so freely of your limited time and generously donating materials to our classrooms to make learning in second grade so fun and vibrant through rich, hands-on experiences!

Enjoy this long weekend with your families! We look forward to seeing everyone on TWOSday next week. :)

God bless,

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Reminders / Announcements:

1. No Spelling Homework Next Week! We will continue to focus on our biography projects.
2. Upcoming Fun for the Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies
 - "TWOSday" (2/22/2022) - February 22
 - Science Day - February 24
 - Dr. Seuss Day - March 2
 - Roald Dahl's Half-Birthday Bash - March 11

Math

The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies are marvelous mathematicians, deftly utilizing a variety of strategies for computation with three-digit numbers. Thank you for supporting your super second grader with homework and fact practice. Teamwork makes the dream work!

Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)

In addition to targeted small group reading instruction, The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies are excitedly preparing to celebrate the author Roald Dahl's half-birthday in March! We will be reading a selection of some of his hilarious books, including *The BFG* and *George's Marvelous Medicine*. More details to follow about the fantastic birthday bash we have in store for your cuties!

We've integrated writing into both our Literacy Rotations and Social Studies block as part of our Biography and Famous Americans units. The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies have completed their research and will begin applying their newfound expertise to interdisciplinary projects. So proud of these mini researchers!

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

Now that their research is complete, the Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies are ready to begin taking what they've learned and transforming it into a presentation. Each second grader has selected a project from the list below and will have the opportunity to present his/her final product in the coming weeks! Don't forget to ask your cutie pie which project he/she selected!

- 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

Sending a "shout out" of thanks and gratitude to Mrs. Byan, Mr. Siebert, and our very own CCS middle schoolers for being willing to assist our second graders as they research, record, and rehearse, as well to Mrs. Devlin for so generously sharing her collection of amazing art supplies! #Collaboration #Teamwork

Science Day is coming! Next Thursday, February 24, the Praying Puppies and the Holly Jollies will kick off the First Annual Second Grade Science Day! Designed to knock the socks off your sweetie, the day will be jam-packed with events, including opportunities to construct marble runs, attend a virtual field trip with Nickelodeon, ride a hover disk, explore burning questions with Mystery Science, and conduct experiments, to name a few! Thank you for your generous donations for this magical day of scientific inquiry!

Religion

On Monday, the children were surprised and excited to learn that Valentine's Day originated with SAINT Valentine. Then, on Tuesday, we started our new lesson on the Mass, learning how it is a celebration of the Eucharist, a way to praise and thank God, and the very best prayer that we have! We will continue this unit of study on and off over the course of the next few weeks as we also take time to prepare our hearts for the upcoming season of Lent!