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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

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Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Lent is here! I hope you are enjoying the children's and family devotional books that were sent last week to help prepare your hearts for Easter. The Hawks have entered into this season beautifully.
 - ~ CRS Rice Bowl Story of Hope: OVERCOMING HUNGER
 - In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.
- Field Trip Fan Kids! The Hawks absolutely cherished their time at Amazement Square. This hands-on museum is the perfect place to introduce students to new content (Hamburger Economics and Animal Adaptations), play with topics we've covered, and to experience the unexpected! It's not often that you can simulate milking a cow, ride a zipline, paint the walls, play music in a recording studio, handle artifacts from ancient tribes, and play around with friction all in the same museum!
- Next week, we will return to our "regularly scheduled programming" with a five-day, holiday-free school week! Hooray!
- While that goofy groundhog appears to have superior meteorological skills, please continue to send your child to school in layers and with coats. It is chilly in the morning and in the shade! Rest assured that if it is warm enough to leave layers and/or coats inside, I'll make sure your Hawk can be footloose and fancy free.

- Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 7 at 5:30PM in the gym for the CCS "Light My Path" Capital Campaign kickoff event! Wine and light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be provided for school-aged children (***please note that because middle school children will be staffing childcare, CCS is unable to accept children under 4 years of age***). RSVPs are required for this event. If you plan on attending, please [RSVP to Capital Campaign Kickoff](#)
- "Step in Time" for a "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" "Jolly Holiday" with Mary Poppins, Bert, and all of your favorite characters! Bring the whole family out for Charlottesville Catholic School's production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins, Jr." on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 at 6:30PM in the CCS gym. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by clicking [here](#).

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Calendar/Important Dates

2/27 - No Mass/students do not need to be in formal dress

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

Invisible forces! The Hawks learned all about gravity and friction, testing out each with lots of fun experiments this week. Ask your super scientist about the ball races, gravity cup challenge, and designing their own super fast slides. We connected our study of friction to our hover disc ride on Science Day, and are excited to use this newfound knowledge to spend the next several weeks in the STEM Lab building a putt-putt course for our pet stinkbug, Spencer!

Next week, in the hopes of teasing out a snow day or two, the Hawks will investigate weather!

Math

As the unit on 3-digit subtraction came to a close this week, the Hawks had the opportunity to review and revisit each strategy (number line, base-10 blocks, adjusting to make friendly numbers, and the algorithm) to hone their skills with both computation and problem solving. Next week, the Hawks will begin a unit on measurement.

Adorable adders and super subtractors! Help your Hawk maintain momentum by encouraging daily practice with math facts.

No riptide today! SplashLearn.com is a magnificent math resource for your math monster! Your child has free access to this website when completing assigned work. 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

Check folders today for graded spelling tests and congratulate your cutie! Next week, we'll resume the typical one-week spelling cycle, with words being introduced on Mondays and tests occurring on Fridays.

And the crowd goes wild! Our captive audience of Junior Kindergarteners adored the puppet shows! This multidisciplinary project involved reading, writing, speaking/performing, creating (props, puppets, scenery), and collaborating. I couldn't be more proud of the Hawks!

Sweet story-tellers! Drawing inspiration from literature ("Honk! The Prima Swanerina" by Pamela Duncan Edwards and "Beardream" by Will Hobbs), the Hawks are becoming fabulous fiction writers. Each of these student authors is building stamina, improving consistency with capitalization and punctuation, and taking his/her writing from drab to fab with descriptive language. Their growth is gorgeous!

Theology

In chapel this week, we learned about the Stations of the Cross and began praying them. We will finish next week. Students will also pray the Stations of the Cross with their faith buddies during the Lenten season.

Students also prepared and performed stories about Jesus: feeding the five thousand, the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus's entry into Jerusalem, and the Last Supper.