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Friday Newsletter

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2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

Lent is here! We hope you are enjoying the children's and family devotional books that were sent home on Tuesday to help prepare your hearts for Easter. The Cheetahs and Sloths have entered into this season beautifully. Next week, we will be back to our regularly scheduled programs with a "normal" week! Spelling, 5-days, Tuesday Mass... the works! What wonderful learning we will continue to accomplish!

God bless,

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Calendar

3/4 - Father/Daughter Dance, 6-8 pm

3/15 - Torchy's Taco Spirit Night

3/23 - Second Grade Science Day

4/3 - Spring Dress Begins

4/6-4/14 - Easter Break

4/21 - Blue and Gold Day

4/27 - Second grade Trashion Show, 12:30-1:20 (time may change slightly)

4/29 - Gala Auction

5/12 - Grandparents' Day, JK-5 Spring Concert, Spring Musical

5/26 - 11:30 Dismissal

5/29 - No School

6/2 - Blue and Gold Day

Announcements

- Food, fun, and friends! Our hearts were full seeing so many Sloths and Cheetahs at the Mexican Fiesta! What a wonderful way to kick off the season of Lent together!
- Tummy Rumbles=Classroom Grumbles!**Please remember to send a snack** to school with your child. Yay Lunch selections do not include a snack!
- Forks and spoons to the rescue!! If your child needs a fork or spoon in order to easily eat his/her snack or lunch, please send one or both with your child's food. **Cutlery for student snacks/lunches is not available at school.**
- While that goofy groundhog appears to have been wildly wrong, please continue to send your child to school in layers and with coats. It is chilly in the morning and in the shade! ***Students who are not appropriately dressed for the weather will need to stay inside.*** Of course, if it is warm enough to leave layers and/or coats inside, we'll make sure that's an option. Can you believe it was 80 degrees yesterday!

Math

Money mayhem! The Sloths and Cheetahs are becoming expert coin counters! From organizing coins in order of value to solving story problems, our bonafide bankers can do it all! Cha-ching! Keep that extra change in an easily accessible location for your Sloth or Cheetah; the benefits of working with real currency are fabulous!

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

Subtraction Superheroes! Help your Sloth or Cheetah maintain momentum with his/her math facts. A unit focused on subtraction (with and without regrouping) is right around the corner.

Literacy

Perfection with pronouns! After a hearty review and tips for test-taking, the Cheetahs and Sloths flexed their grammar muscles on a quirky quiz that featured some of their very own names! Check backpacks for graded quizzes! We're now full-steam ahead with adjectives! Ready for routine! With a five-day school week, we're excited to return to our weekly spelling routine! New word lists will be instructed and tested next week. Please remind your Sloth or Cheetah to complete activities from the [homework menu](#).

Sweet story-tellers! The Sloths and Cheetahs are building stamina, improving consistency with capitalization and punctuation, and turning their writing from drab to fab with descriptive language. Their growth is gorgeous!

Religion

On Mardi Gras, the Cheetahs and Sloths had a combined Lent and “Fat Tuesday” lesson in the STEM Lab, remembering all the things they’ve learned about this new liturgical season and beginning to think about what to give up. Additionally, we then had a cross-curricular science lesson where the children collaborated to create a Mardi Gras “float” powered by magnets! What fun! On Wednesday, we celebrated Ash Wednesday as a school community with Mass followed by another crash course lesson on the season of Lent with Brother Francis. Finally, on Friday, we started our weekly Lenten tradition of praying the Stations of the Cross, meditating on Jesus’ Passion and Death.

Next week, we will make Stations of the Cross to hang in our classrooms and start our next unit as we learn about how we praise and thank God through Mass, devotions, and more!

Science/Social Studies

Our sensational scientists are investigating both the slow (erosion and weathering) and fast changes (volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, forest fires, tornados, and hurricanes) that happen to Earth, as well as the impact of these events on animals, plants, humans, and landforms. Ask your child to explain why the sand at Pfeiffer Beach in Australia is purple! We’ll be busy experimenting with the world around us to build deep understanding!

We’ll also explore the types of precipitation (rain, sleet, snow, hail), the differences in their properties, and in which season(s) they typically occur. Perhaps our inquiry will precipitate some snow!

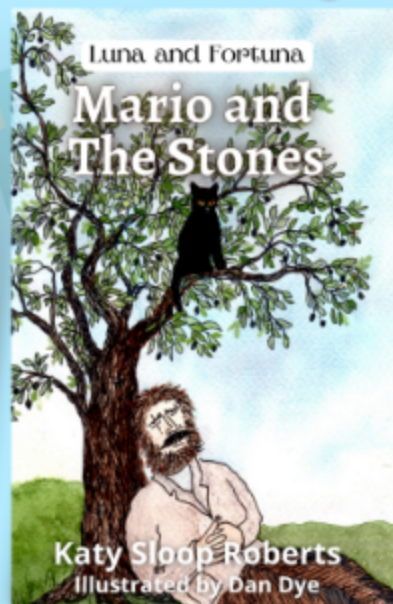
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