

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

Wow! February is turning out to be quite the month of celebration! Everyone so very much enjoyed TWOsday, learning about pairs of words, pairs of numbers, and even pairs of Saints! On top of that, the children earned their "white coats" on this Thursday's Science Day! Our little scientists relished the opportunity to hypothesize, build, observe, and experience all different types of science.

Next week, we look forward to celebrating Dr. Seuss Day as we also prepare our hearts for the beginning of Lent.

God bless,

Miss Jones & Mrs. Robinson

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### **Reminders / Announcements:**

1. Spelling Homework will resume on Monday, February 28. Students will again be responsible for their activities to be turned in at the end of the week. Click here for the [Spelling Homework Choice Board](#)
2. Upcoming Fun for the Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies
  - o Dr. Seuss Day - March 2
  - o Roald Dahl's Half-Birthday Bash - March 11
3. Please read the note below about the Diocesan Parent Satisfaction survey:

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### **Diocesan Parent Satisfaction Survey**

Dear CCS Families:

Each year the Office of Catholic Schools sends out the Diocesan Parent Satisfaction Survey. The survey is designed to help schools receive feedback from our parents in order to assist us in planning for the future. You will find the link below. Please note that this survey is anonymous and all results go directly to the Diocese of Richmond. We do not receive individual results, rather a summary. We realize that this is a busy time of year, but your feedback is very important to us. Please prayerfully consider filling out this survey so that we may continue to grow. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, March 11. We thank you in advance for your time and candor.

Please see the following from the Mrs. Kelly Lazzara, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Richmond, regarding the Diocesan Parent Satisfaction Survey:

Dear Parents,

*As part of our goal to serve the students and families of the Diocese of Richmond Catholic Schools, we would like to know how satisfied you are with the programs and services currently offered to you and your child/ren. In order to assess our performance and your experience, we ask that you complete this brief survey. This should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. We value your opinion and will use your input to ensure that we continue to meet your expectations and provide you and your child/ren with the best possible Catholic school experience. This is an anonymous survey and all responses will be aggregated for review purposes and will remain confidential. Our office will close the survey on Friday, March 11, 2022. If you have more than one child at a school, you may choose to complete another survey or have your answers reflect your overall observations.*

*With Blessings,  
Kelly Lazzara, Superintendent  
Office of Catholic Schools  
Catholic Diocese of Richmond*

[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

## **Math**

We have begun “Mad Minute” math as a way of strengthening our math skills. Students complete 15 problems in the span of one minute and advance to the next level after they demonstrate mastery. Once children pass a level, they earn a congratulatory certificate that will be sent home in their Red Friday Folders. Thank you for your continued support with this very important work!

A huge benefit of extra math fact practice is that it gives the Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies an extra boost with their computation work. We’ve explored three strategies for three-digit computation and are putting your cuties to work as problem solvers!

## **Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)**

Using our Biography Project, TWOsday, and Science Day as inspiration, the Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies completed a ton of themed activities this week, including identifying homophones, authoring writing pieces titled “When I’m 22,” reading nonfiction pieces about pairs, finalizing research, and beginning the big work of applying their knowledge.

**Reminder:** Spelling homework resumes next week! Please check folders for words on Monday. Click here for the [Homework Choice Board](#).

## **Science / Social Studies**

The Biography Projects are already fabulous! It’s wonderful to watch our sweet students identify and capitalize on their strengths. Our resident artists are hard at working on life-size portraits, while our “techies” are happily typing and designing very professional slideshows. Who could forget our adorable actors who have been busily memorizing their self-written scripts and running their lines with peers.

Next week, we’ll put the finishing touches on these projects with the help of middle school volunteers! Thank you to Mrs. Bryan and Mr. Siebert for supporting us!

Science Day was amazing! After greeting each other like mad scientists, we started the day collaboratively constructing the tallest marble runs we could build, and then learned about how toys are invented. It turns out, some of the coolest toys were dreamed up because of a mistake! Next, we took a virtual field trip with Nickelodeon to learn about slime in space! Then, the Holly Jollies and the Praying Puppies were treated to hover disk rides and a science read aloud. We finished the day with an array of experiments, including: Egg in a Bottle, Diet Coke and Mentos, Leak Proof Bag, Elephant Toothpaste, and Vanishing Cotton Candy! Tomorrow, we'll turn aluminum cans into automobiles and power them with our hair!

## **Religion**

This week, students learned about famous Saint pairs! Friends, brother and sister, husband and wife, parent and child... there have been many wonderful examples of holy men and women who have practiced the virtues of love and friendship! We wrapped up this week with a discuss on the Church year and even created our own Liturgical Calendars! What a wonderful way to start looking forward towards our upcoming season of Lent.

Next week, we will learn all about this penitential season, what it means to pray, fast, and give alms, as well as how we can work to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Easter!