

# Charlottesville Catholic School Friday Newsletter March 10, 2023

# 2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

Another great week in the books with more exciting activities ahead!

On Monday, look forward to receiving a permission slip for our next field trip, taking place Friday, March 31st! As a service opportunity with Kindergarten, we will be singing prepared songs to the residents of Our Lady of Peace. Next, we'll head over for a lesson and practice with forces and motion on the Putt-Putt mini golf course! The Sloths and Cheetahs will also assist Kindergarten students with addition as they tally their scores on each hole. It will be great fun!

God bless, Mrs. Pearring & Mrs. Robinson <u>m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org</u> <u>h.robinson@cvillecatholic.org</u>

### <u>Calendar</u>

3/15 - Subtraction Test
3/15 - Visit with Meteorologist AJ Willy from CBS19 Weather
3/15 - Religion Quiz
3/15 - Torchy's Taco Spirit Night
3/16 - Roald Dahl Birthday Bash
3/17 - 2nd Grade PJ Day!
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

### <u>Announcements</u>

- No spelling homework or test next week (3/13-3/17).
- Happy Helpers!! We're still looking for volunteers to decorate the Performance Space for Roald Dahl's Birthday Bash on Thursday, March 16 from 8:00-10:00.
  - Be on the lookout for opportunities to volunteer on Science Day, on our Field Trip, and at the Trashion Show.
- **Camp4Real Kids Night Out is Coming Soon!** We are excited to welcome Camp4Real to Charlottesville Catholic School on Friday, March 17 to host an awesome Kids Night Out event for our school community!
- **Kids Night Out is a three-hour drop-off event** that gives parents and caregivers the opportunity to have a night out while children enjoy a safe and exciting evening of active and engaging fun with their peers -- with a delicious catered dinner included!
- Camp4Real events are led by Camp4Real founder and experienced physical educator, Scott Williams (AKA Mr. Dubs!), and he will be joined by our own Andrew Frazier! The Camp4Real team is passionate about engaging children and families in fun, active play while incorporating dynamic education on the fundamentals of nutrition and movement for a healthy lifestyle.
- Family fun with an impact! Camp4Real is proud to support the CCS community and will donate a portion of the event proceeds right back to our school! Plus, Camp4Real offers sibling discounts! Learn more and register here: <u>https://camp4real.regfox.com/3-17-23-kno</u> Learn more about Camp4Real here: Camp4Real - Home | Real Fun. Real Food. Read Active. Real Awesome.

### Math

Computation cuties! The Sloths and Cheetahs have been hard at work subtracting two-digit numbers, with and without regrouping. Strategies include the traditional algorithm, working with base ten blocks, drawing, and using a hundreds chart; some of our super subtractors use a combination of the above strategies! When using the algorithm, we like to use the following rhymes:

- More on the top, don't stop!
- More on the floor, go next door and get some more!
- Numbers the same? Zero's the game!

The Sloths and Cheetahs will showcase their subtraction skills with a unit test on Wednesday, March 15. A practice test will be sent home for homework on Monday.

To bolster your subtraction sweetie's skills, please continue to practice math fact fluency DAILY (flashcards, orally, worksheets, dice, playing cards, etc.).

High dive! SplashLearn.com will engage your mathematician!! Check out the free features of this digital resource. Who doesn't love free?!

## Literacy

Darling describers! The Cheetahs and Sloths completed an adjective quiz this week. We are proud of all they've learned and how they are transferring this new skill to writing in context.

Reminder: No spelling instruction next week (3/13-3/17). We will resume spelling instruction on 3/20.

Amazing authors! The Sloths and Cheetahs are building super stamina (10-15 sentences, or more!), adding dapper describing words, consistently capitalizing, and properly punctuating!

Our ravenous readers are loving our author study of Roald Dahl! We'll bring his books to life next week at the Roald Dahl Half Birthday Bash with Dahl-inspired science, STEM, writing, mindfulness, and math. We'll cap off the celebration with a private screening of "The BFG," complete with a tea party! Pinkies up, darlings!

In reading groups, we target decoding skills by segmenting phonemes and syllables, as well as identifying base/root words, prefixes and suffixes. Our dedicated decoders also routinely practice with both nonsense and sight words. To enhance fluency, the Sloths and Cheetahs are completing repeated readings of nonfiction passages, often related to our science/social studies curriculum.

In other literacy news, the Sloths and Cheetahs loved hosting author Katy Sloop Roberts for a very special Author Visit. Katy shared engaging excerpts from her prequel "Fortuna Finds a Family," offered terrific tips for character development (fitting *PERFECTLY* with our study of adjectives!), gave awesome advice on the writing process, and allowed tons of time for all of the curious questions from our future authors! Mrs. Roberts also gifted each student a bookmark! Bellissima!

Katy is also hosting a virtual "Meet the Author" party this Saturday for "Fortuna Finds a Family." If you'd like to join, please use this link: <u>https://bit.ly/MGMarchParties</u>. There's nothing better to ignite a passion for writing than meeting an author!

# Religion

This week, cheetahs and sloths alike learned about the season in the Liturgical and the colors that we use for each. They even created their own Liturgical calendars! Just as with every Friday during this season of Lent, we prayed the Stations of the Cross

Next week, we will continue our new chapter and learn that our Mass is the same everywhere around the world! We will then review and take a quiz on this lesson on Wednesday the 15th.

## Science/Social Studies

Par 4! In connection with our upcoming field trip to Putt Putt, the Sloths and Cheetahs are collaborating with Kindergarten to put their understanding of friction to the test by designing and constructing a mini golf course for our pet stink bug, Spencer! Not only will they be tasked with creating the perfect tiny putter and finding the best type of ball to use, they will also select from a range of materials to make their hole both challenging and attainable. Perhaps we'll see some cotton ball bunkers, toothpick forests, or toilet paper tunnels! We'll work on this project each week in the STEM Lab prior to our field trip.



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