

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

It's been another week filled with memories with the Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies! What a wonderful job your children have done on their biography projects. Everyone has been incredibly dedicated and creative as they bring the stories of their people to life! We continue to look forward to the upcoming celebrations next week including the Feast of St. Patrick's Day on Thursday and Roald Dahl's Half-Birthday Bash on Friday.

CCS will have a St. Patrick's Day TAG day on Thursday, March 17. Students **must be in uniform** for TAG day, but may wear St. Patrick's Day-themed accessories. Permitted items include: socks, belts, earrings, necklaces, ribbons, bracelets, and headbands with stabilized decor. The following items are **NOT PERMITTED**: hats, sunglasses, wigs, masks, t-shirts, headbands with flying objects, or anything that flashes

Oh what fun it is to be a second grader and a member of the CCS community!!

God bless,

Miss Jones & Mrs. Robinson

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### **Reminders / Announcements:**

1. No Spelling Homework Next Week (3/14-3/18)
2. Religion Quiz: Tuesday, March 15
3. Grammar Test: Thursday, March 17
4. St. Patrick's Day Celebration - March 17
5. Roald Dahl's 105th Half-Birthday Bash - March 18
6. [2nd Grade Memories Photo Album](#)
7. 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**

The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies rocked the unit on 3-digit addition and are ready to try their hand at 3-digit subtraction! We'll be using a variety of strategies for subtracting, and incorporating numerous opportunities for problem solving.

We're thrilled with the progress our star second graders are making with fact fluency. They love receiving certificates for each "Mad Minute" fact level passed! We're sure they've already proudly shown you the aforementioned certificates, but in case they haven't, please check Friday Folders!

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

This week, we began learning about the contributions of amazing women around the world as part of Women's History Month. Three amazing books that captured our hearts were: *Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing* by Dean Robbins, *Caroline's Comet: A True Story* by Emily Arnold McCully and *Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell* by Tanya Lee Stone, all available at the CCS Library!

In addition to small group reading instruction, we are reading aloud Roald Dahl's fabulous novels in preparation for his 105th Half Birthday Bash next Friday, March 18. Thank you for your support as volunteers and donators!

After learning all about synonyms, antonyms, word categories, context clues, prefixes, suffixes, and homophones, your cuties are ready for a Grammar Test! We'll conclude the unit

on Tuesday, review on Wednesday, and take the test on Thursday (March 17).

Please remember to check Friday Folders for spelling tests today. **Reminder that there is no spelling homework next week.**

### **Science / Social Studies**

Hooray! The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies have completed their biography projects! The portraits will hang in the illustrious halls of CCS for our community to enjoy. Our sweet second graders will have the opportunity to present to each other, too. In the coming days, we will send home links to interviews and slideshows so you can check out your little darling's hard work, as well as graded rubrics.

### **Religion**

We are continuing to journey through this season of Lent, reflecting on our Lenten promises and resolving how to stay strong in this time of praying, fasting, and almsgiving. In addition, the children loved taking a virtual pilgrimage to different Catholic churches around the world, allowing them to experience the local culture integrated throughout our beautiful Catholic liturgy. They begged for more! We also discussed different Catholic devotions, or forms of personal prayer, such as the Rosary, Adoration, and Stations of the Cross. Each Friday in Lent, we continue to pray these fourteen stations as we journey with Jesus to the cross.

Next week, we will review and take our upcoming quiz. Students will participate in a review game on Monday and take the quiz on Tuesday, 3/15.