



Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

March 17, 2023

2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

What a week of excitement! Cheetahs and Sloths alike were enthralled to celebrate Roald Dahl's 106th half-birthday on Thursday and Friday. One final thank you to everyone who made this celebration possible!

Along with our regularly scheduled learning, we can't wait for next week's Science Day!

God bless,
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Calendar

3/22 - Reconciliation
3/23 - Second Grade Science Day
3/31 - Field Trip to Our Lady of Peace and Putt Putt
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

- Spelling homework resumes next week for a **TWO-WEEK** cycle. Your child should complete **4 activities** from the spelling/word work [homework menu](#). Instruction will begin on March 20; homework is due and a test will be given on **Thursday, March 30.**
- In the words of Roald Dahl, thank you to the many vivacious volunteers who made Roald Dahl's Half-Birthday Bash a "whoppsy" good time! Information about how to share your talents on Science Day and/or at the Trashion Show will be shared soon!
- Next Wednesday, March 22nd, those who have already received their first Reconciliation will be given the opportunity to go to the Sacrament for this season of Lent!
 - *Calling adorers!* ~ We will be offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day in the chapel so that students may retreat there to pray their penance. Due to the nature of the students' schedule, we need volunteers willing to sit with our Lord for 30 minutes (or more). Please prayerfully consider coming in for some time of personal prayer and service to our community by signing up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49a9aa2da5fc1-adoration#/>

Math

Terrific test takers! The Sloths and Cheetahs tackled the Subtraction Test with a flourish! Check red folders for graded tests and congratulate your super subtractor! Now that our magnificent mathematicians are experts in two-digit subtraction, we'll move on to three-digit subtraction, with and without regrouping. We'll use the same strategies: the traditional algorithm, base ten blocks, drawing, hundreds charts, and/or a combination of strategies. As a reminder, 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!

Be a fact fluency hero! Practice math facts with your Sloth or Cheetah for 3-5 minutes daily! Fact practice can be planned for a quiet space at home, but is also perfect for those "how to fill the time/on the fly" moments like carline, when you're stuck in the drive through at Chick-fil-A, on the sidelines of a sibling's soccer practice, when you're waiting for the microwave timer to beep...you name it! Stash some flashcards, playing cards, and/or dice in your car and you have on-the-go practice at your fingertips! Call-and-response practice is wonderful, too, and requires no materials!

Polar plunge! SplashLearn.com is a marvelous math resource with assignments tailored to second grade skills!! Check out the free features of this digital resource.

Literacy

Vibrant verbs make radiant writers! Our grammar gurus are turning their attention to verbs this week! From action verbs to helping verbs, the Cheetahs and Sloths are getting a healthy dose of writing mechanics, both in isolation and in contextual stories, adding visual verbs to take their writing from drab to fab!

Reminder: Next week will be the beginning of a two-week spelling cycle (3/20-3/30). Your child should complete **4 activities** from the spelling/word work [homework menu](#). Instruction will begin on March 20; homework is due and a test will be given on **Thursday, March 30.**

Happy Half-Birthday to You! Happy Half-Birthday to You! Happy Half-Birthday, dear Roald Dahl! Happy Half-Birthday to You! The Cheetahs and Sloths had a blast at Roald Dahl's Half-Birthday Bash! Ask your party-goer about Matilda's Memory Challenge, Miss Honey's Mindfulness, The Topsy Turvy Trunchbull Trick, Roly Poly Origami, a Floating Feat, Extra-Usual Word Creation, Brilliant Book Suggestions for Bookworms, The BFG's Dream Jars, and George's Marvelous Medicine Eruption! The celebration continued today with a private screening of "The BFG" and a tasty tea party! Thank you to the many volunteers who made these special days possible!

Reading begets reading! Please support your child's reading at home with repeated reading fluency passages, read alouds (you read to child), partner reading (child reads aloud to you and/or another adult), and silent sustained reading (child reads to self). As you read together, ask questions, encourage your child to make predictions, search for spelling words (or words that fit the feature currently being studied), practice decoding, and model intonation/expression. You are one of the BEST resources in your child's reading toolkit!

Katy Roberts, the amazing author from our Author Visit is also hosting virtual "Meet the Author" parties each Saturday in March with authors of some of her favorite children's authors! If you and your Sloth/Cheetah would like to join these fun literacy opportunities, please use this link: <https://bit.ly/MGMarchParties>. There's nothing better to ignite a passion for writing than meeting an author!

Religion

This week, we reviewed how we praise and worship God like champs with an exciting Cheetah vs. Sloth Stinky Feet game! Then, our theologians took their quiz on the same unit. Next week, we look forward to our school's opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 22nd. For those who have received the Sacrament already, they will be given the chance to go again. On Monday, we will review the Sacrament of Confession and start our unit on the Eucharist! What a year of beautiful firsts!

Science/Social Studies

Marvelous meteorologists! On Wednesday, as a conclusion to our weather/earth changes unit, our future forecasters enjoyed a special visit with AJ Willy of CBS19 News. The Sloths and Cheetahs kept AJ on his toes with tons of thoughtful questions. Check out some of the brilliant wonderings our curious questioners posed:

- Why does Waynesboro get more snow than Charlottesville?
- Why do clouds turn gray before it rains?
- What is the worst weather you have ever reported?
- Can there be tornadoes in the winter?
- Can animals be harmed in extreme weather?
- How common are fire tornadoes?
- Have you ever made a mistake on air?
- What kinds of extreme weather (other than snow) are possible in Antarctica?
- When you were little, did you want to grow up to be a meteorologist?
- How do the flowers and blooming trees all know to come out at the same time?
- Will we get a snow day this school year?
- What is the fastest recorded wind speed?
- Can you get a tornado in the desert?
- What is the hardest part about being a meteorologist?

Hole in one!! Our pet stink bug's new mini golf course is under construction! The Sloths and Cheetahs partnered with Kindergarten to take their blueprints from paper to reality in the STEM Lab this week. What fun it is to see our scientists/engineers using teaching moments to share their friction expertise with Kindergarten as they test out the best materials to bring their designs to life. We'll continue this collaborative effort next week! Spencer (our pet stink bug!) will be so thrilled upon its completion.

Next week, our super scientists will switch gears and become excellent economists!