

# Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade 3/18/22

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

Happy St. Patrick's Day!! The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies celebrated this special day listening to fantastic stories, devising ways to catch a leprechaun, unlocking a special prize from Lenny the (most famous) Leprechaun, learning how rainbows are made, playing a rousing game of St. Patrick's Day Jeopardy, and adventuring into the world of Lucky Charms!

We couldn't let the leprechauns have all the fun, so we held a 105th Half Birthday Bash for beloved author Roald Dahl! Complete with blacklights and neon decorations, we transformed the STEM Lab into a wondrous backdrop for creating dream jar lava lamps, hosting a bit of magic, concocting a marvelously explosive medicine, powering materials with our hair, crafting shoes for a witch, and inventing a new room for Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. Willy Wonka is rumored to have made an appearance! Of course, no festive event is complete without a freeze-dance party! The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies "shook a leg" to the sounds of musicals adapted from Roald Dahl's amazing stories!

God bless,

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### **Reminders / Announcements:**

1. [2nd Grade Memories Photo Album](#)
2. Spelling homework resumes next week!
3. Friday, March 25 ~ Half-Day
4. Monday, March 28 ~ NO SCHOOL (Teacher Workday)

### **Math**

Keep up the good work with math facts! Our goal is for all second graders to have automaticity and to be able to recall facts without using fingers. Please continue to practice 3-5 minutes daily (worksheets, orally, flash cards, etc.). That math fact practice pays dividends in computation units!

The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies are hard at work with three digit subtraction, with and without regrouping. They're flexing their math muscles with problem solving and opportunities to utilize double regrouping! #ChallengeAccepted!

## Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)

Our celebrations of St. Patrick's Day and Roald Dahl's 105th Half Birthday Bash were springboards for fabulous read alouds, writing prompts, and grammar exercises. It's so wonderful to see the Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies so engaged with the curriculum!

Woohoo! The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies completed another unit in Grammar. They are now experts in synonyms, antonyms, word categories, context clues, prefixes/root words/suffixes, and homophones! Next week, we'll try our hand at contractions. Please remember to check Friday Folders for spelling tests today.

Our wonderful writers have recently become Pen Pals with the UVA Women's Softball Team! Their thoughtfully penned letters are now signed, sealed, and delivered! Now, we're waiting with bated breath for responses! In addition to our letter writing, we are also in the process of planning some virtual and in-person visits with our Pen Pals. Hooray for new friendships!

In collaboration with Ms. Devlin, our sweet second graders have created puppets! Next week, the Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies will write scripts to accompany their puppets and put on puppet shows for both Junior Kindergarten (JK) and Kindergarten! It's so fun to be the big kids!

**Reminder that spelling homework resumes next week.** Here is the link to the [Homework Choice Board](#).

## Science / Social Studies

In honor of Women's History Month, we are celebrating amazing women through read alouds, such as *Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx* by Jonah Winter (written in both English and Spanish), *Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became An Inventor*, by Emily Arnold McCully, and *Nellie Bly* by Shannon Knudsen. We also learned about famed scientist Jane Goodall through Mystery Science.

Next week, we will begin a new Science unit on Magnets!

## 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. On Monday, we played an exciting game of Stinky Feet, reviewing for our quiz that they then took on Tuesday.

Next week, we will begin taking a closer look at the Sacrament of the Eucharist in anticipation of those who are receiving their First Communion in about a month's time! We will do a lot of wonderful reflection including exploring the Sacred Vessels used by the priest during the consecration, reading "The Weight of the Mass," a fairy tale exploring the Truth behind the Real Presence in the Sacrament, and so much more!