



**Charlottesville  
Catholic School**  
*Christ Community Scholars*

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## Friday Newsletter

March 24, 2023

### 2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

What wonderful scientists we have! A million thanks again to all of our volunteers who helped make today possible!

Next on our busy 2nd grade agenda... Field Trip next Friday the 31st! Remember that your sweet little one will need a brown-bag packed lunch for that day. After our Field Trip, we have our next 2nd grade-led Mass on Tuesday, April 4th! All are welcome to join!

God bless,

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#### **Calendar**

3/27 - No School (Teacher in-service)

3/31 - Field Trip to Our Lady of Peace and Putt Putt

4/3 - Spring Dress Begins

4/4 - 2nd Grade Mass

4/6 - Holy Thursday, Passion Play, 11:30 Dismissal (No After-Care)

4/7-4/16 - 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

5/2 - May Crowning

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

6/8 - Last Day of School, 11:30 Dismissal

## Announcements

- Next week is Week 2 of our **TWO-WEEK** spelling cycle. Please help your sweet speller complete **4 activities** from the spelling/word work [homework menu](#). Homework is due and a test will be given on **Thursday, March 30.**
- Thank you to the many marvelous parents who donated time and supplies to Science Day! As always, we are tickled pink to receive such amazing support from this school community!

## Math

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Our sensational subtractors took their skills up a notch with an introduction to three-digit subtraction, including mentally subtracting 100s and 10s from three-digit numbers (examples: 300-200, 440-100, 620-10, 130-30, etc.) The Sloths and Cheetahs revisited regrouping, as well, using the same tried and true subtraction 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!

Math facts are our friends! Encourage your Sloth or Cheetah to flex his/her fact fluency muscles for 3-5 minutes daily! Fact fluency is brilliant and can be done just about anywhere...the kitchen table, at a bedroom desk, on the couch with grandma, you name it! With a little prep, it can be an on-the-go activity for all of life's dull moments! Stash some flashcards, playing cards, and/or dice in your car and you have fact fluency at your fingertips! Call-and-response practice is wonderful, too, and requires no materials!

Red Rover, Red Rover, Send the Sloths and Cheetahs Right Over!! SplashLearn.com is a marvelous math resource with assignments tailored to second grade skills!! Check out the free features of this digital resource.

## Literacy

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Tense tamers! The Sloths and Cheetahs are expertly navigating the world of past and present tense verbs, including how to properly add the suffixes -ing and -ed to verbs, both in isolation (worksheets) and in contextual writing.

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Books are the passport to the world! Please support your child's reading at home with repeated reading fluency passages (timed reading to increase reading rate), read alouds (you read to child, modeling intonation and expression), partner reading (child reads aloud to you, another person, a well-behaved pet, or a lovey), 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), and practice decoding. You are the hero of your child's life story!

Authors Inspire! Our Sloths and Cheetahs are often inspired, both as authors and readers, by their favorite authors and books. Katy Roberts, the awesome author from our Author Visit earlier this month is hosting virtual "Meet the Author" parties each Saturday in March with authors of some of her favorite children's books! If you and your Sloth/Cheetah would like to meet your new favorite author or book, please use this link to join:

<https://bit.ly/MGMarchParties>.

## Religion

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This week, your little theologian learned about St. Joseph whose feast day was Sunday March 19th! Then we reviewed the Sacrament of Reconciliation before it was offered to the school community on Wednesday the 22nd. Finally, we prayed a special time of Stations of the Cross in the chapel with one another. What a great thing to do during this season of Lent!

- *The Sloths unfortunately did not get the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. We are working to arrange another time for these little sweeties to receive God's mercy!*

Next week, we will receive our roles for our next 2nd grade-led Mass (if your child comes home with a reading, please take time to review with your child!). We will also take time to start thinking about the beauty of the Sacrament of the Eucharist as we begin our preparation for First Holy Communion!

## Science/Social Studies

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Grand Opening! Our pet stink bug's new mini golf course is complete, demonstrating the Sloths' and Cheetahs' deep understanding of friction and gravity. We had an absolute BLAST collaborating with Kindergarten and are looking forward to testing out our expertise on the links at Putt Putt next week! After a day on the mini golf course, we're all ready for the "19th Hole!"!

Science Day was a total hit! After preparing all year, the Sloths and Cheetahs earned their lab coats! Donning these special science accessories, our sensational scientists were treated to science-themed read alouds, a virtual field trip with Nickelodeon, excellent experiments in the STEM Lab (think film canister rockets, a magically leak proof bag, diet coke explosions, an egg getting sucked into a bottle, disappearing cotton candy, and an epic paper airplane challenge), hover disc rides in the gym (perfect complement to our study of friction!), eclectic engineering of marble runs, and a healthy dose of innovation! We hope it knocked their socks off!

Reduce, reuse, recycle! Our cute conservers kicked off a unit on Economics by first diving into natural resources, and how we can be stewards of our Earth for both renewable and nonrenewable resources. The Sloths and Cheetahs were totally shocked by an activity highlighting how many gallons of water we likely use each day! We also dug deep into both human and capital resources, as well as goods, services, needs, and wants. Have no fear! This unit, too, will end with a bang...and smiles!