

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

Happy Friday everyone! We pray that you have had a beautiful start to the beginning of this Lenten season. Not only is it a beautiful season of the Church year, but we also had beautiful weather this week, allowing us to do some of our learning and fun activities outside this week. What a gift!

There have been so many wonderful memories that we have created so far this year, with certainly many more to come. To see some of the amazing things we have done (All Saints Day, Valentine's Day, Science Day, just to name a few), please click on the following link to see our photos & videos. We will update as more memories are created!

[2nd Grade Memories Photo Album](#)

God bless,

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Reminders / Announcements:

1. Math Test (3-Digit Addition) - Wednesday, March 9
2. Religion Quiz (Praise & Worship God) - Tuesday, March 15
3. Spelling Homework is due on Fridays. Click here for the [Spelling Homework Choice Board](#).
4. Upcoming Fun for the Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies
 - o Roald Dahl's Half-Birthday Bash - March 11
5. Please read the note below about the Diocesan Parent Satisfaction survey:

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

Our work with “Mad Minutes” is already reaping benefits! It’s so heartwarming to see the Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies beaming with the joy of accomplishment. Thank you for continuing to practice math fact fluency at home, too!

Next week, our super second graders will have a chance to flex their math muscles on the 3-Digit Addition Test. We will review for the test in class on both Monday and Tuesday, and will also send home practice tests for homework to help the Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies feel prepared!

Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)

In addition to our traditional targeted small group instruction, the Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies loved having the chance to celebrate beloved author Dr. Seuss on his birthday! Ms. Jones and her amazing fiancé, affectionately known as “Mr. Joe,” treated the kids to read alouds of “Horton Hears a Who” and “Oh, The Places You’ll Go!” We used these stories as springboards for dictionary work and identifying an author’s theme. Each was also a wonderful opportunity to think about the role each of us plays in the classroom community and to dream about the amazing future ahead of these fabulous kids!

Our grammar gurus are getting a workout! The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies are learning all about synonyms, antonyms, word categories, context clues, and prefixes. Next week, we’ll tackle root words and suffixes.

Please remember to check Friday Folders for spelling tests each week!

Science / Social Studies

Our Biography project is nearing its conclusion! Our sweet interviewers are well-rehearsed and have begun recording with the help of Mr. Siebert's middle school volunteers. Our resident artists are putting finishing touches on their lifesize textural portraits, which will soon hang in the illustrious hallways of CCS! Last, but not least, our terrific "techies" are very professionally designing slideshows that will knock your socks off! We are so excited to share this amazing work with all of you!

Religion

Students learned all about the season of Lent this week as we celebrated Ash Wednesday as a whole school community. The children discerned what "little sacrifices" they would make for these 40 days to help them reflect on and connect with Jesus' big sacrifice. Please encourage your children to stay committed to what they chose to "give up" for Lent.

Next week, we will continue learning about how we praise & worship God, discussing how the Mass around the world is the same, but cultures bring their own wonderful traditions into the liturgy. We will also learn about different Catholic devotions and how blessings ask God to make someone or something holy. We are set to have a quiz on this unit on Tuesday 3/15.