



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

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Teacher's Message/Announcements/Information from Administration

- Happy Helpers!! Check out some amazing ways to bring [Roald Dahl's Birthday Bash](#) (March 13) and the Trashion Show (April 24) to life as a volunteer!
- My, how time flies! Friday, March 22 is the end of the 3rd quarter, and an EARLY DISMISSAL at 11:30! STEAM Aftercare and JK Extended Day will both be in session.
- Thursday, March 28 is ALSO an EARLY DISMISSAL at 11:30AM, and begins Easter Break. Unfortunately, JK Extended Day will NOT be offered that afternoon.
- Gala Auction "Stock the Bar" Wall
The *Wall of Wine* has been one of the most coveted auction items of galas past! This year the wall is growing to include everything you'll need to fully STOCK YOUR BAR. The *Stock Your Bar Wall* will include 50 bottles of wine and spirits, mixers, and bar tools. We need your help to make this happen! Please drop off donations to the front office (you can also hand it off in carline and a teacher will ensure it gets somewhere safe). Thank you for your help!

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Calendar/Important Dates

3/13- [Roald Dahl Day](#)

3/22 - End of 3rd Quarter

3/28 - Holy Thursday and 11:30 am Dismissal

3/29-4/7 - Easter Break

4/24 - Trashion Show, 2:15-2:45 pm (CCS Gym)

5/3 - Communion Retreat

5/10 - Grandparents and Great Friends Day

5/24 - JK-7th Grade Field Day; 11:30 am Dismissal

5/27- No School - Memorial Day

Science/Social Studies

The Hawks took time this week to experiment and explore with each of the natural forces we've learned about (magnetism, friction, gravity, and weather forces). They also put pen to paper to record their ideas, wonderings, predictions, and hypotheses as culminating activity connected to the book "Notable Notebooks: Scientists and their Writings" by Jessica Fries-Gaither. Hawk curiosity is contagious!

Next week, these super scientists will switch gears to become excellent economists!

Math

Inches, and feet, and yards, oh my! The Hawks spent the week comparing lengths using customary units, explaining the relationships between inches, feet, and yards, and activating prior knowledge to estimate the length of everyday objects. Ask your Hawk how he/she uses "body benchmarks" to assist with estimation.

To bolster your subtraction sweetie's skills, please continue to practice math fact fluency DAILY (flashcards, orally, worksheets, dice, playing cards, etc.).

High dive! SplashLearn.com will engage your mathematician!! Check out the free features of this digital resource. Who doesn't love free?!

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Contraction cuties! The Hawks completed a contraction quiz this week, and are now resident experts! I am proud of all they've learned, and love that they are transferring this new skill to writing in context.

Amazing authors! The Hawks are building super stamina (10-15 sentences, or more!), adding dapper describing words, consistently capitalizing, and properly punctuating!

These ravenous readers are loving the author study of Roald Dahl! These fabulous works of fiction will come to life next week at the Roald Dahl Half Birthday Bash...think Dahl-inspired science, STEM, writing, mindfulness, crafting, and math. The Hawks will cap off the celebration with a private screening of "The BFG" on Friday, March 15, complete with a tea party! Pinkies up, darlings!

In reading groups, the Hawks target decoding skills by segmenting phonemes and syllables, as well as identifying base/root words, prefixes and suffixes. These dedicated decoders also routinely practice with both nonsense and sight words. To enhance fluency, the Hawks are completing repeated readings of nonfiction passages, often related to our science/social studies curriculum.

Theology

This week students practiced sitting quietly in the chapel. We will continue to work on stamina in this area as we prepare for Adoration. We also talked about how we are made in God's image. Students learned about free will.

Next week, we will prepare for Reconciliation on Thursday and learn about the Great Commandment.