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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

04/12/2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements/Information from Administration

- Welcome back! I missed all of the bright and shining Hawk faces over break! I'm so happy to be back together again as we look forward to a wonderful rest of the year.
- Spring has sprung! While the Hawks no longer need coats, sweaters or fleeces are a great layer for chilly spring mornings and air-conditioned spaces!
- Trashion is our passion!! Join the Hawks in the CCS Gym for an afternoon of fashion on Wednesday, April 24 from 2:15-2:45. The 3rd Annual Second Grade Trashion Show will bring together Economics and Ecosystems as we learn about Earth's systems and our impact on the world! From wearable art to cute commentary, the Hawks will "sell" their products on the runway while being stewards of this wonderful world in which we live!
 - Please continue saving "trash" for this amazing event! "Robinson's Rummage" is accepting **clean**, reusable items that will add brilliance to our ensembles. Examples include, but are not limited to: boxes, tissue paper, plastic or paper bags, damaged gift bags, used tape rolls, unwanted lamp shades, discarded ribbon/yarn, Easter grass, broken pool noodles, egg cartons, toilet paper/paper towel rolls, bubble wrap, the sky's the limit! Remember...your trash is our TREASURE!
- Ready for your 15 minutes of fame? Volunteer at the Trashion Show! If you'd like to help with set-up and/or clean-up, please sign up [here](#).
- Wanted: Volunteers and donations for the 3rd Annual Communion Retreat on Friday, May 3rd! Check your calendars because a sign up genius will be coming your way next week!
- Calling all Rice Bowls! If your family used their CRS Rice Bowl to collect and donate spare change during the season of Lent, please send in the bowl with your child at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

- Share your time and talent with Mrs. Devlin as she prepares for the annual CCS Art Show! While the Art Show doesn't take place until May 8th, the prep and planning begin now! Check out this [sign up link](#) for the many ways (labeling and hanging and mounting...oh my!)you can support our budding artists. Your service for this important event is greatly appreciated!
- Save the Date! Our annual **Grandparents and Great Friends Day will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024**. Students in JK-5th are encouraged to invite their grandparents or another special visitor to join them at school that day. More information, including an RSVP form, will be in next week's Tuesday Teller.

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Calendar/Important Dates

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

4/27 - CCS Gala & Auction

5/3 - Communion Retreat, volunteer schedule TBA

5/10 - Grandparents and Great Friends Day

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

5/27- No School - Memorial Day

6/5 - Last Day of School

Science/Social Studies

Total eclipse of the heart! The Hawks and I were floored by the beauty and magic of nature, and blessed to be together for such an amazing event.

Alien Attack is a hit! In this fictional economics game, each group is tasked with meeting the needs and wants of their civilization by bartering with neighboring civilizations or making purchases at the general store, all while navigating the whims of the evil dictator, Mrs. Robinson! Mwahaha (insert evil laugh here!)? Collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking! Ask your Hawk to explain how his/her group problem-solved the stumbling blocks thrown their way, as well as how the group capitalized on good fortune to plan and prepare for the future of their civilization.

Much like in Alien Attack, the study of our precious Earth has taught the Hawks how interdependent living systems are upon one another. We began this unit studying the impact of humans on the environment, as well as the importance of being stewards of and advocates for our Earth. Over the course of the next 5-6 weeks, our sweet scientists will study living systems in depth, completing a variety of hands-on activities and projects designed to bring joy to their learning, while also enhancing their understanding of the content!

Spencer the Stinkbug is eager to practice his putts on a winning course lovingly designed by the Hawks! We can't wait to invite you to its grand opening!

Math

Money monsters and coin cuties!! The Hawks successfully completed our unit on money this week! Congratulate your "dollar darling" on a job well done and check folders for graded assessments.

Time is on their side! The Hawks are learning all about digital and analogue clocks, telling time to the hour, half-hour, quarter-hour, and 5 minutes.

Awesome automaticity! Flex those fluency muscles and set a goal to practice math facts with your Hawk for 3-5 minutes each day. Let's finish the year strong!

Get your snorkel on!! SplashLearn.com is updated with new time and money assignments for your cutie!

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Here's a crazy tidbit: we only have about six more weeks of spelling instruction left in second grade! My, how time flies when you're conquering the world, one spelling list at a time!

Bookworms!! The Hawks are devouring class read alouds, gobbling up novel studies, and guzzling down nonfiction science passages.

Friends make the world go 'round! After interviewing their cuddly classmates, the Hawks used their pre-writing notes to facilitate descriptive drafts and fabulous final copies! These pieces are the perfect opportunity for the Hawks to apply their knowledge of adjectives and proper nouns!

Theology

Many of the students will be receiving their First Communions soon! We will be learning about the Eucharist and the Mass to help students prepare along with their parishes. We started this week by learning about some saints with a deep connection to the Eucharist: Saint Padre Pio, Saint Tarcisus, Saint John Vianney, and Saint Dominic Savio.