



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

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## Friday Newsletter

April 21, 2023

### 2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

Welcome back! We missed all of the bright and shining faces over break! We're so happy to all be back together again as we look forward to a wonderful rest of the year.

Second grade is not without our exciting events! Please see below for all of the exciting details to either attend or volunteer! Thank you for being so involved in your child's learning and being so incredibly supportive!

God bless,

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#### **Calendar**

4/21 - Blue and Gold Day

4/27 - Second grade Trashion Show, 12:45-1:15

4/29 - Gala Auction

5/2 - May Crowning

5/3 - 2nd Grade Communion Retreat

5/8 - 5/12 - Book Fair

5/10 - Art Show Open House

5/12 - Grandparents' Day, JK-5 Spring Concert, Spring Musical (more details to come)

5/26 - 11:30 Dismissal

5/29 - No School

6/2 - Blue and Gold Day

6/2 - Field Day

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

## Announcements

- Spring has sprung! While our students no longer need coats, sweaters or fleeces are a great layer for chilly spring mornings!
- Trashion is our passion!! Join us in the CCS Gym for an afternoon of fashion next Thursday, April 27 from 12:45-1:15. The 2nd 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 Sloths and Cheetahs will "sell" their products on the runway while being stewards of this wonderful world in which we live!
- Volunteer at the Trashion Show! If you'd like to help with set-up and/or clean-up, please sign up [here](#).
- Volunteers and donations wanted! Our Cheetahs and Sloths will be participating in our annual Communion Retreat on Wednesday, May 3rd. We are in need of some of our fabulous parent volunteers for that day as well as donations to help make our snack and service project possible! Please prayerfully consider signing up via our Sign-Up Genius link [HERE](#).
- 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.

## Math

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Data darlings! The Sloths and Cheetahs jumped right into our unit on data and graphing, learning key vocabulary and putting their analysis skills to the test reading tally charts and raw data charts, as well as interpreting data organized in bar, picture, and pictographs. They even had the opportunity to design their own surveys, record the collected data, and represent their findings with the graph of their choice. Talk about graphing gurus!

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

Get your snorkel on!! SplashLearn.com is updated with new data and graphing assignments for the Sloths and Cheetahs!

## Literacy

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Contractions took center stage in grammar this week, with a focus on those that include the word "not" (aren't, weren't, wasn't, hadn't, haven't, hasn't, couldn't, wouldn't, don't, didn't, isn't, etc.). The Sloths and Cheetahs are enjoying go on contraction hunts while reading; their minds are boggled by how frequently they're used!

Sensational spellers! Our spelling sweeties got right back into the swing of spelling routines this week. Check folders today for graded spelling tests. Here's a crazy tidbit: we only have about four 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 Sloths and Cheetahs are devouring class read alouds, gobbling up novel studies, and guzzling down nonfiction science passages.

## Religion

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Alleluia! He is Risen! We're so happy to be back learning about the many blessings that God has given us. In a particular way, your little theologian has been studying intently the wonder and mystery of the Eucharist as many of our cheetahs and sloths prepare for their upcoming First Communion! They are confident to say that the Blessed Sacrament is indeed the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. They are familiar with the sights and sounds of the consecration, the most important part of the Mass, and can identify this Sacrament as how Jesus unites Himself fully with us and the Church.

Next week, we will continue our study of the Eucharist as we learn about how Jesus revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread in this Sunday Gospel story of the road to Emmaus. Then we will learn about the importance of the Sacred Vessels used in the Mass and how they are set for the liturgy. Finally, we will hear Brother Francis tell us more about this special Sacrament!

Finally, we are looking forward to our Communion Retreat on Wednesday, May 3rd. Please see the link for the Sign-Up Genius in the announcements section above for opportunities to assist on or before the day!

## Science/Social Studies

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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 Cheetah or Sloth 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 Sloths and Cheetahs 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!