

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter April 28, 2023

2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

Another wonderful week in the books! We witnessed designers and models strut their stuff on our Trashion Show runway. What a spectacle! Thank you to all those that came to watch all of these budding environmental talents!

Knock, knock. Who's There? Boo! Boo Who?

Don't be sad...more exciting things are on the horizon! Please see below for details on how to assist with our Communion Retreat next Wednesday! Thank you for being so involved in your child's learning and for being so incredibly supportive!

God bless, Mrs. Pearring & Mrs. Robinson m.pearring@cvillecatholic.org h.robinson@cvillecatholic.org

Calendar

4/29 - Gala Auction

5/2 - May Crowning

5/3 - Communion Retreat

5/8 - 5/12 - Book Fair and Last Week to Check Out Books from Library

5/10 - Art Show Open House

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

5/22 - MAP Testing

5/24 - MAP Testing

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

<u>Announcements</u>

- Let's keep the morning goosebumps at bay on these chilly Spring mornings with sweaters, fleeces, and hoodies!
- A heartfelt thank you to all of the parents and family members who donated trash to Robinson's Rummage! We are so very thankful for the time you have so generously shared as both volunteers and audience members! You are such a blessing!
- 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.
- At CCS honor Mary during May through the ceremony of May Crowning on May 2nd. A selected 8th grader adorns a statue of Mary with a flower crown, recalling that as the Bible tells us, she is the Queen of Heaven and Earth (Revelation 12). The rest of the school presents flowers to her in honor of the life she brought forth into the world through the Holy Spirit. At the beginning of Mass, all students will present flowers to Mary. Each student is asked to bring in only one (1) long-stemmed flower that morning. Please join us at Mass on Tuesday, May 2 at 8:15AM for this beautiful celebration.
- We are anxiously awaiting the Spring Book Fair! The students love the book fair, and it is a wonderful CCS tradition. Unfortunately, this year we are struggling to secure parent volunteers to make this happen. If we are unable to appropriately staff the book fair, we will unfortunately have to greatly reduce the time offerings for accessibility. Please email Mrs. Furin (j.furin@cvillecatholic.org) and sign up so that our students have this wonderful opportunity. See flyer at the bottom of this newsletter for more information.
- 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

Survey question: How many Sloths and Cheetahs are data divas? #AllOfThem! From tally charts to bar graphs, the Sloths and Cheetahs can do it all! Please check folders today for graded tests. Next week, we'll begin a unit on fabulous fractions and gorgeous geometry.

Ferocious fluency!! Keep your math monster fully charged with math fact practice daily! Practicing for two to three minutes daily will keep your cutie roaring out the right answers!

Splish!! Splash!! SplashLearn.com is updated with new geometry and fraction assignments for the Sloths and Cheetahs!

Literacy

Contractions, contractions, everywhere! Our contraction cuties are now experts! Please check folders today and congratulate your sweetheart on a job well done!

Stupendous spellers! Unless a two-week spelling cycle is announced via email and newsletter, spelling homework/test cycles are one week (instruction begins on Mondays and tests occur on Fridays). Our final week of spelling will begin on May 15 and end on May 29. That's only three more weeks!

During the month of May, we'll continue our Daily 5 Literacy Block, but will also be assessing students on fluency and comprehension, in addition to the Spring MAP Testing on May 22 and May 24. We'll be measuring success and setting new goals, one adorable second grader at a time!

Religion

This week, we learned about how Jesus revealed Himself in the breaking of the bread in this Sunday Gospel story of the road to Emmaus. Then we will learned about the importance of the Sacred Vessels used in the Mass and how they are set for the liturgy. Finally, heard Brother Francis tell us more about this special Sacrament!

Next week, as we enter the month of May, we will prepare to celebrate Mary! Monday we will talk about why Mary is the GOAT of all the Saints. 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! Finally, our lucky theologians will hear from their Faith Buddies as they present projects on Eucharistic Miracles, just in time for our little communicants First Communion!

Science/Social Studies

Your darling designers/marvelous models were beaming with pride on the runway yesterday, and rightly so! Not only did they think critically, work collaboratively, and design creatively, they also wrote runway commentary using writing success criteria (punctuation,

capitalization, stamina, and descriptive language) and honed their presentation skills with sensational smiles and cute catwalks, all while learning how to be stewards of and advocates for our precious planet! This multidisciplinary project had a little something for everyone! We hope you got some autographs today...these kids are going to be famous!

In the final weeks of school, we'll turn our attention to animals, plants, and ecosystems. We'll begin with life cycles, and conclude by applying everything we've learned to create a new species! All of the juicy details on this at-school project will be forthcoming!



Dear Parents and Families.

I'm pleased to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which will take place from May 8-12, 8:00-3:00 (Wed until 5:00) at the Performance Space.

The return of the Book Fair will be a familiar and welcome celebration. Volunteers are crucial to the success of this event. We hope that you can offer your time and talents to help students discover the power of books to bring us together.

If you're available to help us with our upcoming Book Fair, please contact me. I'd be grateful if you'd let me know which Fair activities interest you as a volunteer. We need volunteers to help with:

- Advertising
- Decorating
- Setting up the Fair
- Helping shoppers at the Fair
- Cashiering
- · Packing up the Fair
- Special events

Thanks for considering becoming a volunteer! I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,

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