

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

It's the fourth quarter! My, how time flies! To maintain high behavior standards at a time of year when our students are buzzing with energy, we will begin implementing a daily behavior chart after Spring Break. The chart will utilize CCS's color system (green, yellow, orange, and red).

Speaking of Spring, Spring Dress will begin after Spring Break on April 25! Please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook for details.

End of Year Testing will occur in May. As we get closer, more information will be shared about the assessment schedule.

God bless,

Miss Jones & Mrs. Robinson

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### **Reminders / Announcements:**

1. [2nd Grade Memories Photo Album](#)
2. No Spelling Homework next week!
3. Please begin saving reusable materials for "Robinson's Rummage" and "Jones' Junk!" The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies will repurpose those items by creating wearable art for our Trashion Show.
4. American Symbols Quiz
5. Pronouns Quiz - April 13
6. Trashion Show - April 28 (12:45-1:30) in the CCS Gym
7. May 10 - Spring Concert, 9:00 am

### **Math**

The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies love geometry! They've been exploring, drawing, building, categorizing, identifying, and problem solving with both 2D and 3D shapes.

Pertinent vocabulary: quadrilateral, square, trapezoid, rectangle, rhombus, parallelogram, circle, oval, sides, sphere, cube, rectangular prism, cone, cylinder, pyramid, faces, edges, corners, and vertices.

Hats off to you for keeping up with daily fact fluency practice! Our goal is for ALL second

graders to have rapid recall of these facts *without* using fingers.

### **Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)**

The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies are building many skills as readers, including re-reading, using context clues, utilizing punctuation to properly read sentences and paragraphs, and much more! It's amazing that these cutie pies started the year learning to read...now they're reading to learn!

The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies are mastering pronouns and will take a short quiz next week to demonstrate their learning. Following Spring Break, our second grade sweeties will delve into poetry in honor of Poetry Month! We will also be incorporating written, foreign, and oral language into our Trashion Show commentary!

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### **Science / Social Studies**

Mr. Brucia's marvelous middle schoolers treated the Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies to a demonstration of magnets being used as transportation, using the concept of repel! It was fabulous to see our kiddos looking absolutely amazed, but also understanding HOW it worked!

The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies rocked our unit on American Symbols, learning all about the Pledge of Allegiance, the bald eagle, the Washington Monument, the Statue of Liberty, and the American flag. A short quiz is planned for Monday, April 11.

After Spring Break, our precious Earth will take center stage. The Trashion Show will kick off a unit encompassing Earth's systems and interrelationships in ecosystems.

### **Religion**

What a wonderful week in Religion! This week, we learned about the Consecration when the bread and wine is transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, that the priest uses the words of Christ, and we can see this when the gifts are elevated during the Mass. The children also learned that this is called "transubstantiation" when they are transformed into His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Everyone absolutely *loved* learning about the Sacred Vessels used at Mass. Ask your child what vessels are used to set the "table" for the special meal of the Eucharist!

Next week, as we enter Holy Week, 2nd grade will learn about the important Holy Days (Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday), how they are the most holy and solemn time of the liturgical year as we journey with Jesus to the cross.