

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

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Dear Second Grade Families,

It's hard to believe the school year is winding down! We're so proud of all that the Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies have accomplished! Keep up the hard work!

Performance Series Testing is next week! Your child has worked hard ALL YEAR and will do a great job! To give your sweetheart extra brain power, please ensure that he/she gets plenty of sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.

Next Friday is our special Sacraments Mass where second grade will assist in leading the CCS community through the prayer of the liturgy. Students may either wear their First Communion outfits that day or Sunday best clothes. If your child is wearing their First Communion outfit and you wish for them to not get it dirty, please send them in with their formal dress uniform to change into afterwards. Finally, if your child brought home a reading part, please practice with them to assist with fluency, expression, and comfortability.

Please see the adjusted dates below regarding some much anticipated CCS events. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we continue to navigate COVID.

God bless,

Miss Jones & Mrs. Robinson

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PS. Please see the note below about the Art Show from Mrs. Devlin!!

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### **Reminders / Announcements:**

1. Please remember that students must be in formal uniform for Mass days. During spring uniform, boys MUST be in long pants not shorts.
2. [2nd Grade Memories Photo Album](#)
3. Author Visit - May 17 - [Order](#) a signed copy of the book(s) today!
4. Art Show - postponed
5. Spring Concert- postponed
6. Performance Series - Math - May 19
7. Performance Series - Reading - May 20

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## Math

Measurement mavens! The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies learned to measure capacity, temperature, and weight this week! To conclude this marvelous measuring unit, we flexed our math muscles in the Measurement Olympics, participating in events such as Best Paper Airplane Throw, Biggest Olympic Smile, Longest Tee Ball Hit, and a Liquid Measurement Relay!

We have postponed the measurement lessons with JK and Kindergarten and will reschedule those ASAP.

Keep up the good work with fact fluency! Daily practice will help us reach our goal for ALL second graders to have rapid recall of these facts **without** using fingers.

## Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)

The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies spent this week writing creative stories, using Quick Writes, Picture Prompts, Writing Prompts, and Pass On Stories as inspiration! While writing these darling stories, our sweet second graders paid particular attention to setting, character development, organization (beginning, middle, and end), and mechanics (punctuation and capitalization).

Next week, the Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies will become actors as they participate in an adorable Fractured Fairy Tale rendition of Reader's Theater!

Spelling Update: The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies have finished Spelling instruction for the year! In the coming weeks, all students will complete assessments to demonstrate their incredible growth and progress over the course of this amazing year!

## Science / Social Studies

The Unit on Ecosystems concluded with the opportunity to create a brand new animal species. The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies not only named their species, but also created a fact sheet detailing the food, habitat, adaptations, life cycle, and other characteristics of their impressive new animals! What super scientists!

Next week, we'll begin a unit on Economics!

## Religion

Next week, we will continue to prepare for our Mass on Friday, May 20th. Afterwards, as we wrap up the month of Mary, we will review the mysteries of the rosary.

# Author Visit with Katy Roberts May 17th



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with a  
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## ABOUT THE SERIES

Luna is a clever old woman who lives in Italy's Dolomite Mountains with her magical black cat, Fortuna. As faithful best friends who overcome challenges together, Luna and Fortuna are an unforgettable pair! Kids love the suspense, humor, and adventure in these books. Parents value the moral content as they too are immediately swept away to charming Italy in their imaginations!

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

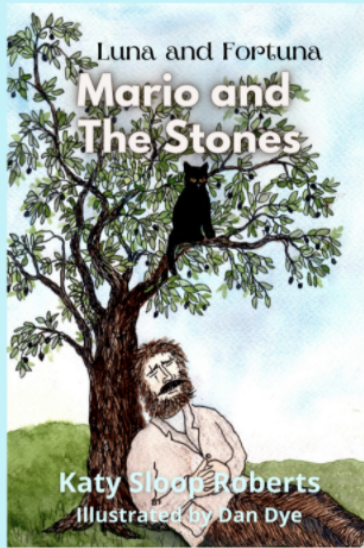
Katy Sloop Roberts was born and grew up in Charlottesville, Virginia. As an Air Force spouse, Katy has lived in many U.S. states, Germany, and Italy. Currently, she lives in Yorktown, Virginia with her husband, two sons, and Lucky, their amazing black cat. Katy enjoys writing, reading, running, traveling, and time with her family.



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