



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

05/17/2024

Teacher's Message/Announcements/Information from Administration

- Happy Mother's Day to the amazing Hawk mamas! I hope you were spoiled rotten by your families last weekend and that you loved the gift your sweetheart made for you!
- With the first round of Spring standardized testing complete, the Hawks are happily flexing their "MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) muscles!" Next up...the Math MAP Test, which will take place on **Tuesday, May 21**. Help your child be terrifically test-ready by ensuring your Hawk arrives at school on time, rested, and fed.
- On **Tuesday, May 21st**, Hawks who have received their First Reconciliation/First Communion this year will get the opportunity to be blessed and celebrated during our school Mass! Your Hawk should wear his/her Communion outfit to school that day and pack the formal uniform in his/her backpack to change into afterwards. Fingers crossed that lots of Hawk parents can join us for this oh-so-special First Sacraments Mass, led by our soon-to-be third-graders!
- Mark your calendars for an afternoon of fractured fairy tale fun! We'll perform live in the Performance Space on Tuesday, June 4 from 2:00-3:00.
- That's a wrap!! Second grade spelling and math instruction are complete...which means no more homework to turn in! Hooray! Please continue to read and practice math fact fluency daily.
- ***Please see the last page of the newsletter for important Field Day information.***

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Calendar/Important Dates

5/21 - 2nd Grade Leads Mass

5/21- MAP Testing (Math), 9:15 am

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

5/27- No School - Memorial Day

5/28 - Last Mass of the school year

6/3 - Beach Day (K-2) - more details to follow

6/4 - Fractured Fairy Tale Plays, 2:00-3:00 pm in the Performance Space

6/5 - Last Day of School

Science/Social Studies

This week was our last week of Science instruction! We went out with a bang, learning all about habitats (arctic, desert, rainforest, forest, grasslands, freshwater, and oceans) and how plants and animals are uniquely adapted to survive in their habitat. The Hawks also investigated how our human impact on the Earth is a danger to living and nonliving things, and can even lead to some species becoming endangered or extinct.

As part of our reading rotations, the Hawks read nonfiction pieces connected to topics in this science unit, investigating author's purpose, identifying main idea, and answering both explicit and implicit comprehension questions.

Next week, we'll apply everything we've learned about animals, plants, and ecosystems to create a new species, identify its habit, and list its unique adaptations. I'm excited to see the Hawks' imagination and creativity merge with science!

Math

Fabulous Fractions and super symmetry!! The Hawks learned about fractions as equal parts of wholes and sets, with a focus on halves, thirds, fourths, sixths, and eighths; check folders for graded tests. This was the FINAL unit in second grade. Next up, these terrific test-takers will flex their math muscles on the MAP standardized test on May 20 and on an End-Of-Year Assessment (paper/pencil test which will include questions from each unit covered in second grade) on Wednesday, May 22. We'll close out the year challenging ourselves with third grade content and hands-on projects.

Your math monster needs a daily diet of fact fluency! Practicing mental computation will build confidence while allowing your mathematician to focus on more complex tasks.
#TeamWorkMakesTheDreamWork

Cannonball!!! Hop in to math at [SplashLearn.com](https://www.splashlearn.com). This free digital resource is sure to make a splash with your mathematician!

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

Proud poets! The Hawks have been prolific with poetry, writing and publishing haiku, acrostic, concrete, and diamond poems; the Hawks are excited to turn them into books! I love seeing their creativity and imagination come to life on the page!

My, how time flies! This was our final week of spelling, and I couldn't be more proud of all the Hawks have accomplished as spellers, both in isolation on tests and in contextual writing.

Curtain call! These adorable actors have been busy reading through scripts, practicing stage directions, and identifying roles that fit their personality! Scripts are in folders today and may be kept at home; please help your playful performer practice and memorize his/her lines. Any time spent practicing for the play will count towards reading homework!

Theology

Looking ahead! The Hawks will be leading their final Mass of the year on Tuesday, May 21st! If your child has been assigned a reading, please help your cutie practice at home; printed copies of readings were sent home this week. We'd also LOVE for you to join us for this super special First Sacraments Mass!

We spent our Theology time this week talking about the sacrament of Marriage and the dignity of all human beings. We celebrated our family as a gift from God by making a family crest and discussing what makes each family unique. We also made tabernacles as we discussed their purpose and how we, as baptized Christians, are living tabernacles.

Field Day 2024 JK-6th

FIELD DAY THEME = “Fun, Friends, and Farewells”

It is important our kids know this theme for the day, please alert them. Fun = a good time spent with our peers away from the classroom. Friends = celebrating the relationships we've made this year and enjoying them. Farewells = having FUN with our FRIENDS one last time together this year - Have a FUN summer and to all of our FRIENDS at CCS - FAREWELL!

Dear Parents,

We are so excited to be offering this again and can't wait to see all the students and volunteers. Please read ahead to get a quick note on what is required of your students on field day. All other notes regarding field day activities and movement patterns will be answered and addressed by reviewing the remaining parts of your packet. Please read ALL THE WAY THROUGH. All activities this day will involve lots of movement and lots of water. Given the duration of the day, it is extremely important to have a few items accompanied by each student. Please see the list below. I do though need to stress that students must have a labeled water bottle.

All essential items needed this day (with a few rules):

- Bathing suits are not required - If worn, they must be covered by shorts and a tee shirt at all times. Swim trunks are fine but shirt tops are to remain on.
- Appropriate closed-toed shoes – sneakers are preferred (no Crocs, flip flops, or sandals)
- Sunscreen, Sunscreen, and Sunscreen (**sunscreen MUST be applied at home, as we cannot apply it to students at school**)
- Comfortable loose fitting athletic attire that meets dress code requirements
- A change of clothes, FULL set of clothes, and change of shoes, socks too!
- Hats are acceptable on this day as they provide sun blockage
- No sunglasses (Unless prescription)
- LABELED Water Bottle (super important we stay hydrated on this day.)
- Towel (1 should be ok, as heat should dry towels quickly)
- Snack

The field day time frame is 8:30 - 11:00 am. We will have 15 groups rotating through 12 stations (roughly 12 minutes a station.) As the primary field day activities conclude, the schedule will allow for changing time, cleaning time, and pack up time to be dismissed by 11:30. This means that all classes will go back to their classrooms to cool off, snack if necessary, and prepare to go home for the long weekend. (no school lunch/HALF DAY)

It will be a fun day your students won't soon forget, so be sure to rest up Thursday night!!! Thank you so much for your help ensuring your students have what they need on this day. We are looking forward to a wonderful day!

Mr. Frazier