



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

May 19, 2023

2nd Grade

Dear Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families,

Happy Mother's Day to the amazing Silly Sloth and Rainbow Cheetah moms! We hope you were spoiled rotten by your families last weekend!

Eek! The Spring Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing is next week! Second graders will take these tests on Monday, May 22nd (Reading) and Wednesday, May 24th (Math). Please make sure your child arrives at school on time, rested, and fed. Please **do not** schedule appointments for your child that will interfere with these tests. While makeup testing is available, students tend to not perform as well when they are not in the full session with their classmates. We appreciate your help with this. Data collected helps us make informative instructional decisions.

Library Note

Please send in library books. Overdue notices will be sent home next week. Thank you!

God bless,

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Calendar

5/22 - MAP Testing (Reading), 8:15 -10:30 am

5/23 - First Sacraments Mass

5/24 - MAP Testing (Math), 8:15 -10:30 am

5/26 - Screening of the movie "Matilda" (please email if your child will NOT be watching)

5/26 - 11:30 Dismissal

5/29 - No School

5/30 - End of Year Math Test

6/2 - Blue and Gold Day

6/2 - Field Day and After-School Ice Cream Social

6/7 - Fractured Fairy Tale Plays, 1:00-2:00 in the Performance Space

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

Announcements

- Jesus has called the little children to his Sacraments this year and we want to celebrate! On **Tuesday, May 23rd**, all of our students who have received their First Reconciliation / First Communion this year will get the opportunity to be blessed and celebrated during our school Mass! We ask all of those who have received their First Communion to come to school that morning in their Communion outfits *with their uniform in their backpack* (we would hate for their beautiful suits and dresses to get soiled on the playground!). We hope that as many of you as possible can join us for our First Sacraments Mass as possible. Our 2nd (almost 3rd graders!) will also be leading the Mass!
- Layers for the win! Remember to send your Silly Sloth or Rainbow Cheetah to school with a hoodie, sweater, or fleece to keep the goosebump grumbles at bay.
- Mark your calendars for an afternoon of fractured fairy tale fun! We'll perform live in the Performance Space on Wednesday, June 7 from 1:00-2:00.
- That's a wrap!! Second grade spelling and math instruction are complete, which means no more homework! Hooray! Please continue to read daily.
- "Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world!" ~Matilda, by Roald Dahl
 - On Friday, May 26, the Sloths and Cheetahs will be treated to a morning screening of "Matilda." **This movie is rated PG.** If you do NOT want your child to watch this movie, please email us by May 24.

Math

Fabulous Fractions and super symmetry!! The Sloths and Cheetahs learned about fractions as equal parts of wholes and sets, with a focus on halves, thirds, fourths, sixths, and eighths. We wrapped up this unit (the FINAL math unit in second grade!!!) on Thursday, May 18. Check folders for graded tests today!

Our terrific test-takers will also have the chance to flex their math muscles on an End-Of-Year Assessment on Tuesday, May 30. The End-Of-Year Assessment will include questions from each unit covered in second grade!

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. This free digital resource is sure to make a splash with your mathematician!

Literacy

Proud poets! The Cheetahs and Sloths have been prolific with poetry, writing and publishing cinquain, haiku, acrostic, blues, and sound poems. We love seeing their creativity and imagination come to life on the page!

My, how time flies! This was our final week of spelling! It was so fun to revisit vocabulary from some of our favorite science, social studies, and religion units.

Curtain call! Our 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!

Religion

Salve Regina! Cheetahs have been Latin lovers, learning the Hail Holy Queen in Latin in song! Both classes have rocked the Joyful, Luminous, AND Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. They are experts at these blessed stories of the life of Jesus.

Looking ahead! 2nd grade will be leading their final Mass for the year next Tuesday, May 23rd! Students that have been assigned a reading should have brought them home. If your child brought home a reading, please be sure to review it with them. Also, please join us for Mass that day as it will be our super special First Sacraments Mass! See details above in announcements for more details.

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 Cheetahs and Sloths 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.

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. We're excited to see imagination and creativity merge with science!