

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

It's been a wonderful week with our favorite friends! Let's finish the 2021-22 school year strong!

This morning's Mass was absolutely beautiful! A huge thank you to all of our lovelies who helped us to pray so well at our first all-school Mass in over two years. It was so special for us to be together as a community and to witness to the love of Christ with our friends who received their first Sacraments. See below (and in our 2nd Grade Memories photo album) some wonderful photos from today.

Hooray for hard work! We are so proud of our second graders for doing their best on the Performance Series Testing.

Homework for next week:

- Read Daily (30 minutes)
- Practice Reader's Theater (sent home in Friday Folder today)
- Practice Math Facts Daily (3-5 minutes)

God bless,

Miss Jones & Mrs. Robinson

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Reminders / Announcements:

1. All books are due back to the library on **Monday, May 23**.
2. Please remember that students must be in formal uniform for Mass days. During

spring uniform, boys **MUST** be in long pants not shorts.

3. [2nd Grade Memories Photo Album](#)

Dates to Remember:

- May 23-May 27 - Assessment Week
 - May 30 - Memorial Day - No School
 - June 2 - Field Day
 - June 3 - Last Day of School (11:30 Dismissal)
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Math

The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies finished the second grade math curriculum with time to spare! As a culmination of all the learning that has occurred this year, our marvelous mathematicians are working collaboratively and creatively using rubrics to create math board games, complete with instructions, rules, game boards and pieces, task cards, and more!

Fast facts! Please continue to work daily with your cute kiddo to practice math facts for rapid recall **without** the aid of fingers.

Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)

The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies had a fabulous visit with author Katy Roberts! It was lovely to hear excerpts of books read by the actual author! Our sweet second graders loved “talking shop” about the mechanics and craft of writing and having the opportunity to ask questions. If you haven’t already, [order](#) a signed copy of her book(s) today!

The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies took their reading skills to the stage this week with readers theater! This fabulous opportunity is building fluency, intonation, expression, and confidence in our robust readers. Next week, each class will perform for the other; the Holly Jollies will be showcasing “Live: It’s Fairy Tale News!” while the Praying Puppies will be presenting “Two Pigs, A Wolf, and a Mud Pie.” Please help your sweetheart memorize his/her lines as part of reading homework!

We’re hard at work learning cursive! It’s such a wonderful activity for fine motor coordination, as well as an imperative skill for reading primary documents.

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

Science / Social Studies

Our final social studies unit of the school year is Economics! From resources (natural, capital, and human) to needs vs. wants, to interdependence and opportunity cost, the Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies are learning the ins and outs of econ! To make the learning come alive, our expert economists have created mini civilizations, specializing in the production of a natural resource. While navigating the demands of daily life, each civilization trades for their needs, wants, goods, and services with one another, as well as at the General Store, run by the evil dictator, Mrs. Robinson!

Religion

This week, second grade learned about the Joyful and Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary as a part of this special month of Mary. On Friday, we learned about Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. They also prepped, prepared, and positively inspired our school community as they led everyone in our first all-school Mass in over two years! Congratulations Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies!

For the remainder of the year, we will learn about the Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, learn about the Ascension of our Lord and the feast of Pentecost. We will also spend some time practicing our knowledge of our Catholic faith! What a great way to wrap up the year!

Author Visit with Katy Roberts May 17th



**Because life is sweeter
with a
magical black cat!**

"Every time I told my kids it was time to stop reading, they begged for more. Such a delightful story, you'll feel like you're in Italy yourself."

Markee D. Stoner

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

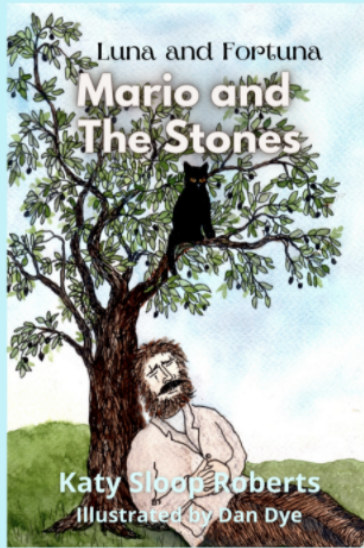
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