

Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade 5/6/22

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

Thank you for showering us with attention during Teacher Appreciation Week! We love the adorable cards, generous gifts, and delicious treats. It's wonderful to feel special! You're too good to us!

We're eagerly anticipating the Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 10 at 9:00 am. Join us in the gym for a marvelous morning of music! Reminder: students should be in formal dress for the concert.

Wishing a very lovely and happy Mother's Day to the amazing Holly Jolly and Praying Puppy mommies! May you be spoiled this weekend by all of your favorite people!

Finally we are so excited for those that will be receiving their First Communion tomorrow and next week! May the Lord bless them abundantly through the reception of this most Blessed Sacrament. We look forward to celebrating those who have received in a special Sacraments Mass that we will be hosting on Friday, May 20th. Students may either wear their First Communion outfits that day or Sunday best clothes.

St. Therese of Lisieux and Our Mother Mary, pray for us!

God bless,

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

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. Red folders are not being sent home this week. Next week, we will send them home.
3. [2nd Grade Memories Photo Album](#)
4. Art Show - Week of May 9th
5. Spring Concert- May 10, 9:00 am (Formal Dress)
6. 2nd Grade Measurement Olympics - May 13
7. Author Visit - May 17 - [Order](#) a signed copy of the book(s) today!

Volunteers needed for the 2022 Art Show Prep and Set Up

We're back! The annual CCS Art Show is back in person and we couldn't be more excited to showcase the creative learning our students have engaged in this year. The show, which will take place during the week of May 9th, takes many hands to prepare and hang. There are multiple times available during the Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays leading up to the show to help prepare and create displays. The hanging of the show will be May 7th and 8th and will require a team of volunteers. Thank you for considering donating your time to this effort. Please review the available slots [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EA9A82BA46-2022)

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Math

The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies are master measurers after many rich experiences working with both customary and metric measurements. From selecting the appropriate tools (ruler, yard stick, meter stick, measuring tape) to relating measurements (feet to yards, centimeter to meter, etc.), to problem solving, our sweet second graders can do it all!

Next week, the Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies are gearing up to teach lessons to JK and Kindergarten! There's no better way to showcase understanding than to be able to teach someone how to do it! We're also excitedly preparing for the Measurement Olympics. Thank you for supporting this event by donating materials and your valuable time!

Let's keep setting and meeting goals! Help your Holly Jolly/Praying Puppy practice math facts ***every day***. Our goal is for ALL second graders to have rapid recall of these facts ***without*** using fingers.

Literacy (Reading / Writing / Spelling)

Perfect Poets! The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies read and explored writing several new types of poems, including concrete, acrostic, cinquain, and haiku. After reviewing their trove of poetry, our wonderful writers selected some of their favorite pieces to publish. They relished sharing their creative work with one another from the Author's Chair, giving and receiving constructive feedback.

Next week, we'll try our hand at creative writing!

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

In case you missed it, [here](#) is the Trashion Show Commentary, written by your darling designers

The Trashion Show was a super springboard for a unit on ecosystems and the interdependence of living/nonliving things. The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies learned all about life cycles (including plants, frogs, and butterflies), food chains and webs, slow and fast land changes (natural disasters, human impacts, wind/water erosion), and adaptations. Other key vocabulary includes: metamorphosis, camouflage, predator, prey, omnivore, herbivore, and carnivore. The Holly Jollies and Praying Puppies applied their knowledge of ecosystems

by writing about animals “on vacation” in unsuitable locales (polar bear on the beaches of Florida, shark on a mountain hiking trip, giraffe on a scuba trip, etc.). As part of this assignment, students “packed” a suitcase of items designed to help the animal survive its vacation, curated a restaurant menu tailored to the animal’s needs, and designed activities for the animal to participate in while out and about in its temporary habitat. We’re excited to share these adorable stories with you!

Next week, these super scientists will conclude the Ecosystem unit by creating a brand new animal species!

Religion

We have entered the month of May, and you know what that means?? It’s time to celebrate our Blessed Mother! The Praying Puppies and Holly Jollies learned so much about Mary this week after reading [“Take it to the Queen”](#) and reviewing important Marian Feast Days. Finally, on Friday, as a school, we participated in our May Crowning. What a wonderful time!

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be preparing for the last Mass we get to host for the year on May 20th! Students will review the readings for that day, help prepare the intentions for the Mass, and volunteer to assist with the liturgy. Any time that we are not preparing for the Mass, we will be learning about the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Author Visit with Katy Roberts May 17th



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with a
magical black cat!**

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ABOUT THE SERIES

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

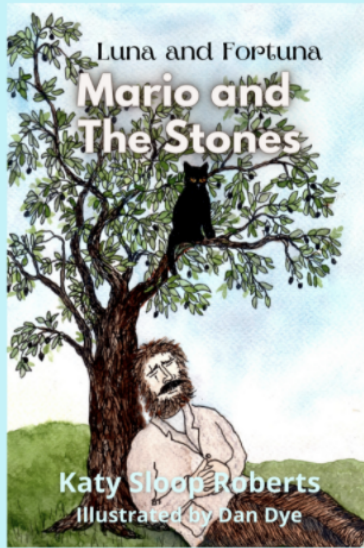
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