



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

09/15/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- Happy, happy Friday! We've had a fabulous week of laughter, learning, and leadership! From honoring the heroes of 9/11, to constructing maps and taking a final flight with Felix, your cute kiddo did it all!
- Ready for anything that comes our way! The Hawks practiced fire, lockdown, and severe weather drills this week. Please compliment your cutie on being quiet, reacting swiftly, and remaining calm.
- Empty shoe boxes at home? Your trash is our treasure! Please send in one (or more) shoe boxes or similarly small-sized shipping boxes for an upcoming Social Studies project by **Wednesday, September 20**. Thank you!!!
- Alfresco dining, anyone? Join our stupendous school community for a brilliant Back to School Picnic on Saturday, September 16 at 4:00PM! I'll be tickled pink to see you there!
- Par 3! Join [Kieran McDowell](#) and [Amanda Tucker](#), our fearless room parents, to plan a precious Putt Putt event for CCS, set to take place on November 3 from 5:30-7:30. Let's make this Second-Grade-Sponsored event the talk of the town! Please reach out to one or both of these marvelous mamas via email to join their small planning committee and make an impact on our beloved school.
- Didn't make the VIRTUS training at CCS? Never fear! Additional upcoming trainings in our area can be found through virtusonline.org. Trust me...you don't want to miss out on the fun in second grade!
- On your mark. Get set - [REGISTER!](#) The annual 5K and Fun Run is Saturday, October 7, and Registration is **OPEN!** Grab your tickets today. You won't want to miss out on this fantastic family event! Register early to ensure your Fun Run t-shirt arrives in time for the big day!

- There are also TONS of ways that you can help at the 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, October 7; we'd love to utilize your many talents! Please see the Sign Up Genius below for all of the different opportunities. Many hands make light work! [5K & Fun Run Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Calendar/Important Dates

9/15-10/15 - Hispanic Heritage Month

9/16 - Back To School Picnic, 4:00-6:00 pm

9/18 - Geography Assessment (no need to study!)

9/22 - 1st Quarter Interim

9/22 - Math Test (Unit 2)

10/9 - Teacher Work Day (no school)

10/3 - Bilingual Mass

10/20 - End of 1st Quarter

10/23- Field Trip to the Paramount Theater

10/27 - 1st Quarter Report Cards

10/31 - Halloween parade (timing TBD, typically shortly after carline)

11/1 - All Saint's Day Wax Museum

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Social Studies

Geography Giants! From labeling oceans and continents to creating their own maps, I am SO impressed with the many newfound skills these cute cartographers are utilizing!

Next week, we'll begin a new unit on the lives and contributions of Native Americans. To bring this unit to life, the Hawks will be building interactive villages for each tribe we study. I'd love some assistance preparing the materials for these playful projects. Please use [this link](#) to support our classroom from the comfort of your very own home!

Math

From educational games to independent work, the Hawks are flexing their math muscles, working collaboratively, exploring digital resources, and problem solving.

Each unit in the Reveal Math curriculum allows the Hawks to complete a readiness diagnostic, develop mathematical vocabulary, stimulate a positive and powerful math mindset, reinforce understanding with independent work, build proficiency with collaborative workstations, and extend their thinking/learning with STEM connections and challenges. Typically, each unit consists of 5-7 lessons.

Each lesson culminates with an "exit ticket" (aka mini assessment), while units will conclude with a robust review, performance tasks designed to stretch thinking, and a unit test.

The Hawks that Wear Socks kicked off a unit on Place Value this week. Here is some fabulous vocabulary you can work into your morning carline conversations: digit, value, decompose (take a number apart), expanded form (example: $300+40+9$ is the expanded form of 349), standard form (a number written with numerals), word form (a number written with letters/words), greater than, less than, hundreds place, tens place, and ones place.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

As we wind down the beginning-of-year assessments, the Hawks and I will settle into some pretty amazing literacy routines. Eventually, the Hawks will participate in each of the following rotations: Read to Self, Word Work, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, and Work on Writing.

Your little darlings are now experts at "Read to Self," and have built great silent reading stamina...20+ minutes! Next week, we'll roll out "Word Work" classroom activities, as well as "Listen to Reading," using epicbooks.com via iPads. This online resource brings hundreds of titles to your child's fingertips!

Theology

Marvelous mentors! Our 6th grade Faith Buddies are helping the Hawks get the most out of Mass. We're thankful for these radiant role models!

Gifts! The Hawks took a moment to reflect on the gifts that they have received from God. Their responses were too beautiful not to share. See a smattering below:

- My pets
- My family
- My friends
- Being helpful
- Being loved
- Jesus
- The chance to be holy
- My life
- My soul

Cute comparison! As part of our study of the three parts of the trinity, a Hawk theologian pointed out that while $1+1+1=3$ in math, $1+1+1$ equals 1 when thinking of the Trinity!

The Hawks also practiced praying the rosary; each week in October, the CCS community will gather together to pray a decade of the rosary as a school.

Field Trips

So thankful for the Hawk mamas and papas who volunteered to join us on the field trip! Paramount, here we come!