Charlottesville Catholic School

Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade 09/17/21

Teacher's Message/Announcements

Dear Second Grade Families,

The children have continued to prove their resiliency as we entered our second week in our combined classroom space. Mrs. Dragich, our full time assistant, has proven to be a wonderful asset as we ensure that each child gets the attention and assistance they need.

Student work will begin to come home more regularly so you can see your child's progress in what they have been learning at school. Remember, 2nd grade utilizes a 3-2-1 scale, rather than the traditional letter grades. Please take a moment to review the grading information below:

Kindergarten - Second Grade Grading Scale for all courses, self-discipline, and work habits

3 = Meeting grade level standard with consistency and independence

2 = Developing grade level standard, but is inconsistent and requires some support

1 = Below grade level standard and unable to apply the skills with support

Thank you so much again for your continued support!

God bless, Miss Jones <u>m.jones@cvillecatholic.org</u>

Announcements:

- This week, homework was being sent home fairly consistently. Please make sure your child is completing any work that comes home in their blue folder. We don't want work piling up!
- Spelling homework will start next week. Your child will come home with a Spelling Homework menu where they are to choose 3 activities to complete by Friday. I will send a digital copy home in future weeks in case the hard copy is lost.
- Some students have struggled to keep their mask on appropriately in class. Please stress the importance of keeping their mask on at *all* times, unless eating or drinking. Also, check to make sure that your child's mask fits properly so that it is not frequently dropping below their nose.
- Work will be sent home in your child's red folder this week. The folder should be returned on Monday. Anything in the "Keep" pocket may remain at home.

Math

Students began their place value study this week. They identified the value of a digit in 2- and 3-digit numbers. They also learned how they can rename 1 hundred as 10 tens or 100 ones, as well as practiced writing numbers in expanded form.

Next week, students will continue to work on each of these skills.

Reading

This week, students learned about making predictions while reading by looking for evidence to come up with a good guess about what a story will be about, or what may happen next. They also learned how to summarize a story or part of a story by using question words as a guide.

Next week, we will work on sequencing the events in a story. We will also try to start implementing choice in our Daily 5 rotations for reading practice.

Writing

This week, students reviewed that all sentences begin with a capital letter and have an end mark. They also learned about the 4 types of sentences: telling / statement, question / asking, command, and exclamation. Finally, they are doing their best to finish the final copy of their hero writing today!

Next week, we will begin to explore what a paragraph is and how we can write a good paragraph.

Science / Social Studies

This week, we learned about the 3 states of matter -- solids, liquids, and gases identifying examples by classifying different objects

Next week, to continue our study of matter, we will learn about changes in matter.

Religion

Next week we will continue to answer the question "How do we know God?" as we learn about the Church. We will also learn about how God is a Trinity (3 persons, yet 1 God).

Spelling

Students received spelling words for the days of the week this week and took a practice test on them today.

Next week, students will receive leveled word lists based upon their earlier pretest. Students will practice words in class and will complete 3 activities for homework (see Spelling Menu page next week in the Blue Folder). A test on 10 of those words will take place on Friday.