

## Teacher's Message/Announcements

Hello Rainbow Cheetah and Silly Sloth families!

Happy Week Two! We've been busy getting to know each other, building community, and learning all about CCS! As teachers, we've been busy assessing students in math and literacy. We'll use this information, coupled with your child's learning style, to tailor instruction to each of our fabulous students. The Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs were terrific test takers this week. Extra hugs all around!

Please check the announcements below and adjust your calendars. Thank you!

God bless,  
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### Announcements

- To keep both teachers in the loop of absences, issues, or concerns, we ask that you copy both of us on emails (see email addresses above).
- Children will bring home their student agenda each night. **Please sign and return each day.** Student behavior will be documented in the agendas, as well (green=on track, yellow= needed reminders, orange = consequence, red=met with administrator)
- 9/5 - Labor Day (No School)
- 9/9 - Tour the World With Felix Event (POSTPONED, new date TBD)
- 9/16 - Measurement Olympics, 1:00-2:30 (volunteers requested...details soon!)
- Speaking of **volunteers**...
  - *We are excited to be going on field trips this year and are looking forward to having parent chaperones help with that! To chaperone a field trip, you must be VIRTUS-trained. We will be offering a training session at CCS on Monday, September 19 from 5:00-8:00. To register for that training, please use the following link:*
  - [https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg\\_list2.cfm?theme=0](https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theme=0)
- Please make sure you sign up for the [5K and Children's Fun Run](#).
- Fore! Show off your swing at the [CCS Golf Tournament!](#) If you are interested in playing or putting together a foursome, contact Colleen Smith at [c.smith@cvillecatholic.org](mailto:c.smith@cvillecatholic.org)

Calendar math is helping our marvelous mathematicians build math muscle memory! Daily practice with place value, counting, time, money, tally marks, ten frames, etc. will keep these many skills fresh all year!

This week, we used both nonstandard and standard tools to measure supplies/furniture in our classrooms, as well as distances on the playground. The Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs are becoming proficient users of rulers and yardsticks, and learning which tool to select when measuring different objects.

### **Literacy**

Fluency and spelling and word recognition...oh my! In addition to the MAP Growth Testing, we are assessing each Rainbow Cheetah's and Silly Sloth's literacy skills. We love getting to know each of our readers individually!

We're modeling intonation, expression, and fluency through daily read alouds and explicitly teaching our sweet students how to build reading stamina as we roll out our first component of "The Daily 5" - Read to Self.

### **Science / Social Studies**

Wings up! The Silly Sloths and Rainbow Cheetahs scoured the world in search of a lost bunny named Felix. As part of our travels, we visited England, France, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, Egypt, the USA (New York City), China, and India. Our escapades were the perfect introduction to continents and oceans, as well as land and water features around the world.

Next week, our cute cartographers will begin reading and creating their own maps.

### **Religion**

What inquisitive and reverent 2nd graders we have! This week, we began by asking the question "Who is God?" We got such insightful responses such as, "He is forgiving," "He loves us," and "really knowing God means you can't hate anyone. Then we read the book, "Don't Forget to Remember," by Ellie Holcomb, reminding us how all of God's creation speaks to us about how much He loves us.

After setting aside our special Religion notebook for the year by creating a beautiful cover page, the children got to bring it with them as a prayer tool to the chapel on Tuesday, drawing beautiful pictures of things that remind them of Jesus or writing thoughtful prayers.

Finally, we spent an amazing class period looking at some pictures of pretty incredible people... Saints! The Rainbow Cheetahs and Silly Sloths were in awe of the lives of these incredible people and their questions about their lives just kept coming!

Next week, we will connect back to our lesson on the Saints and recognize that we too are all called to be Saints! The children will identify themselves as someone on the path to Sainthood, thinking about how they can love and serve God so well.