



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

2nd Grade

09/29/2023

Teacher's Message/Announcements

- In typical Second Grade fashion, we've been busy! This week, the Hawks have engaged in hands-on activities, interacted with technology to enhance instruction, and rolled out research projects. See below for all the juicy details!
- Hello, Fall!!! With the lovely change in weather, please help your super second grader layer to remain cozy and ready to learn! Make sure your child's name is in their outfit. A lot of untagged sweaters, hoodies, and fleeces have been left behind...let's help them get reunited with their owner!
- It's Hispanic Heritage Month!! If you'd like to join the Hawks to enhance our celebrations this month, please email me, and we'll make it happen!
- Awesome agendas! Please check your child's agenda each day for homework assignments and a quick behavior update. Behavior updates are meant to serve as communication, not punishment.
- Lace up those sneakers, put on your sweatbands, and [REGISTER](#) for the annual 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, October 7. There's also still time to volunteer for this family fun event:[5K & Fun Run Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- On Thursday, October 5, John Kronstain will present "How to Know What You Don't Know - Social Media in the Lives of Today's Adolescents" for CCS parents at 7:00PM in the Performance Hall. Please use the form below to RSVP, as seating will be limited. Please note that childcare will not be provided. [October 5 Speaker Series RSVP](#)

Calendar/Important Dates

9/15-10/15 - Hispanic Heritage Month

10/9 - Teacher Work Day (no school)

10/11 -Unit 3 Math Test

10/17 - 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 Saints Day Mass and Second Grade Wax Museum, 10:00-11:30 am

11/16 - Theatrical Performance of "A Native American Cinderella," 12:45-1:30 pm

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

12/14 - JK-2 Concert

12/19 - Polar Express (volunteer timing TBD)

1/10 - Science Day (volunteering timing TBD)

3/13- Roald Dahl Day (volunteer timing TBD)

4/24 - Trashion Show, 2:15-2:45 pm (CCS Gym)

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Social Studies

Buffalo, buffalo, and more buffalo! The importance of this magnificent creature is not lost on the Hawks. In fact, they created "life-size" baby buffalo and labeled the body to show how the Lakota tribe used each part in their daily lives. What a wonderful lesson on "waste not, want not" and the importance of respecting nature.

The Hawks also created a Lakota village, using clay, natural materials, and a rubric to showcase the Lakota modes of transportation, essential foods, important occupations, homes that supported their nomadic lifestyle, and the essence of the Plains region of North America.

If you have a moment, pop by CCS to see the fabulous work your little darling has created. You'll be so impressed with the "living villages" and stuffed buffalo!

Math

Unit 3 is underway! The Hawks are identifying patterns and utilizing efficient strategies to solve problems, including skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s, and 100s. These magnificent mathematicians analyzed the similarities and differences between each type of skip counting, using their place value prowess to expertly explain.

Next week, the Hawks will add math fact fluency to their homework routine. Please help your child practice addition and subtraction math facts (0-20) for 3-5 minutes DAILY. You're welcome to "call out" problems during carline, use flashcards, print worksheets from the

internet, or whatever works for you! I've also taught your children how to use dice and playing cards to practice addition. Ask your cutie to teach you!

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

In preparation for All Saints Day, the Hawks worked in reading groups to read and reread short biographies to build comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary, while also learning how to retell, identify important details, and create a timeline using nonfiction passages. They also had ample time to read all about their chosen saint, and began the research component of the project.

The Hawks are tackling the first step of the writing process...idea generation! These aspiring authors are using literature, sketches, and their own life experiences as inspiration to write sweet stories. Each week of writing in second grade will include lessons in idea generation, mechanics (currently capitalization and punctuation), descriptive language, and peer/teacher conferencing. The Hawks will also have ample opportunities to share their writing from the esteemed "Share Chair!"

Reminder: spelling instruction and homework will begin next week. Your little speller will choose three different activities from the spelling homework menu to complete during the week. Homework is turned in on Fridays. Please see the [spelling homework menu](#) for detailed information.

Theology

The Hawks were enthralled to be introduced to their Saint last Friday and have been devouring their source material as they have begun the early phases of their research. Theology class time was devoted to a deep dive into project instructions on Monday. Please take the time to read through the [project guidelines](#) (paper copy sent home in folders) and devise a plan with your kiddo to accomplish the home components for this project in a successful manner.