

**April 2021**  
**Grade 2 Parent Newsletter**

**“He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.”-Matthew 28:6**

**Religion:** We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ! We will be practicing for the children’s First Holy Communion with unconsecrated hosts. Students will know to step forward and bow before the priest, place their hands in a “throne” position; if right handed, place the right hand under the left. If your child is left handed, they place their left hand under their right hand. When the priest places the Body of Christ into your child’s hand, they say “Amen”, place the Eucharist onto their tongue, and make the sign of the cross as they step to the side and return to their seat to pray. You can practice at home with a small food item such as a piece of bread. We will also continue reading in our “Eucharist” book to prepare for First Holy Communion.

**ELA:** This month we continue in our *Journeys* text with Unit 4. We will be reading the realistic fiction of *Luke Goes To Bat*. Students will know why it is important to keep trying even if something is difficult to do. Phonics lessons will include long i (i, igh, ie, y). We will be reading *My Name Is Gabriela* and *The Signmaker’s Assistant*. These two selections focus on communication through reading and writing. Reading comprehension skills that go along with the anchor texts will include understanding characters, author’s word choice, and target strategy skills that will help students analyze and evaluate the story. During phonics and spelling lessons, students will be learning the long e sound for y and changing y to i, words with *ar*, and words with *or, ore*. Grammar lessons will focus on the verb *Be*, and *Commas in a Series*. Writing lessons will include writing a descriptive paragraph, writing a fictional story, and writing a problem-solution paragraph.

**Math:** This month students will be learning about odd and even numbers and using arrays in Chapter 10. These are foundational multiplication skills. We will then skip to Chapter 12, which is a study of money and time. In this unit of study students will be introduced to various values of coins and bills. They will also learn how to read clocks and tell time to the hour, half hour and five minutes.

**Science:** As we begin the season of spring, our class will begin Topic 5, *Plants and Animals*. Students will be exploring the life cycles of plants and animals. They will learn about other needs of plants including nutrients, sunlight, and soil. As part of this unit, students will know the parts of a plant and their journey from seed to an adult plant. During science lab lessons, students will explore the inside of a lima bean seed to identify and label its parts. Students will also learn about the needs of animals, including food, water, oxygen, and shelter.

**Health:** Students will learn about allergies and what causes them. They will find out about seasonal allergies and food allergies and what happens to your body during an allergic reaction. They will also learn how to prevent allergic reactions and stay healthy.

**Social Studies:** This month we will be studying chapter 4, *People Who Supply Our Goods and Services*. In this chapter, students discover how food production and consumption is a process that often starts on the farm. They will know the difference between producers and consumers and how they are connected through the selling and buying of goods and services.

Congratulations to all our students receiving their First Holy Communion!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Santoro and Mrs. Ceramello

