



Second Grade

Highlights by Subject:

+ **History**— We are continuing on in our study on Julius Caesar. We recently finished our book “Julius Caesar” by Rachel Firth, but will be continuing to discuss and study the role that Caesar played in the Roman Empire, along with his characteristics, virtues, and vices that he held.

+ **Reading**— This week, we finished “The Quiltmaker’s Journey”, where we focused on “Cause and Effect”, and the skill of prediction. Throughout the story, we discussed what things bring us true happiness and joy. We will begin our next story “Warriors in Winter” by Mary Pope Osborn. With this book, we will be identifying different story elements.

+ **Math**— We recently finished our unit on three-digit addition and subtraction, but will be continuing to practice mastering this skill. In the upcoming unit, we will be focusing on finding and comparing weight.

+ **Writing/Grammar**— This week, the students have been practicing grammar concepts including nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives, pronouns, possessives, and end marks. After Christmas break, we will begin a new unit where the students will begin practicing writing using notes from key word outlines.

+ **Nature Studies**— In the coming week, we will be watching “Kristoph & the First Christmas Tree: A Legend of St. Boniface”. We will then practice observing and sketching evergreen sprigs.

+ **Theology**— We continue to contemplate the prophecies that tell of Jesus’ coming. This week we will be re-visiting and contemplating the Annunciation. As we move into the Christmas season in the atrium, I’d like to invite you to observe in the atrium. If this is something you are interested in doing, please send me an e-mail to confirm a date, time, and instructions for observing in the atrium. For more information about Advent in the atrium, check out this link: https://www.cgsusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/All-About-the-Atrium_Advent_In-The-Home.pdf



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Between our All Saint's Day Party, column building, and tea parties, the Second graders have been a busy bunch in the past couple of months!



We were very blessed to have some wonderful parent volunteers help assist with games, snacks, and other items for our All Saints Day party. This was one of the games where students had to identify the amount of items in the jar with the correlating Saint!



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In our study of Roman architecture, we were fortunate to have Mr. Kevin Clark not only accompany us on our field trip to show us different significant architecture around the UNL campus, but also visit our classroom to continue in this study. While visiting, Mr. Clark showed us some additional architecture examples, and demonstrated how to use different architectural tools.

Along with this, the Second graders also took the time to calculate the dimensions of Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian columns. After calculating, the students had the opportunity to create their very own Roman column model.

