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Teaching Minds. Guiding Hearts.

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and the St. Joseph School and Parish Community,

Our second full week of school was a busy one! We'll start with our Kindergarten class, who met "Cass" and learned all about the letter C. Cass is a Superkid from our *Superkids* reading series. The students get very excited to meet each new character and learn new letters and sounds. My personal favorite is Golly the dog!



Next, our third grade created their own balloon globes while learning about geography – this hands-on experience is a simple way to make learning more fun and engaging! They are also enjoying the use of Chromebooks this year, and here a couple of students are practicing math facts. We are proud to be able to provide Chromebooks to grades 3 through 8 this year for all-day use in the classroom.

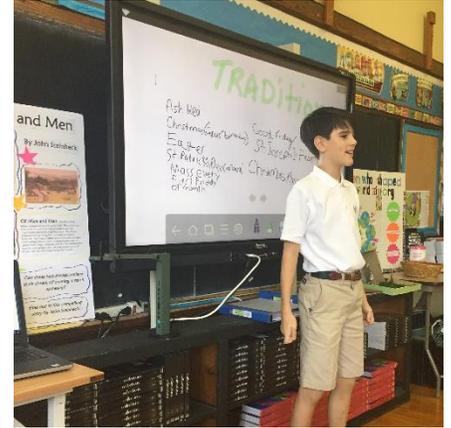


In 5th grade, students used gummies and toothpicks to create 3D models of molecules and compounds during a Science lesson. This is another example of a simple yet effective STREAM teaching strategy that our teachers engage in every day with our students.





The 6th Grade collaborated during a Religion lesson regarding Catholic traditions here at St. Joseph School that allow God to make Himself known to us. The students then shared their favorite traditions – holiday traditions like Christmas and Easter, First Friday



masses and, one of our newest traditions, service projects.



Last, our 8th grade enjoyed a wonderful retreat at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. It was a day of prayer, reflection, team building and fun! A big thanks to everyone that helped make it possible, both from the school (Father Shibi, Louis DeLouker, Mrs. Mott and Ms. Lopes) and the Diocese of Rockville Centre (Father Sean and Theresa LoCascio). We look

forward to our 8th graders using what they learned and experienced on their retreat to become stronger in their faith, as well as to become better role models and leaders.

There will be more to share next week! As always, thank you for your continued support of our educational and spiritual programs.

Warm Regards,

Mr. Brian Colomban
Principal, St. Joseph School