



## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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

Welcome everyone to week two of the *Week in Review* for this school year! So proud of our community for making it through one month of in-person learning safely. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and focus on our new protocols. Below are a few things we wanted to highlight...



First, we were happy to have some nice weather between the clouds and rain this week. It enabled a number of our classes to get outside for learning opportunities. PK and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are pictured here enjoying outdoor learning – 5<sup>th</sup> grade even brought their



remote friends! We are continuing to give outdoor mask breaks to classes; that, mixed with recess and outdoor gym, give our students plenty of opportunity for fresh air.

From Early Childhood to Middle School, our students are being immersed in reading and writing, as they always have been. Kindergarten is featured here listening to a story being read to them by their teacher. Bluetooth headsets were purchased for all teachers so that they can interact with remote students more readily – it allows for excellent sound quality and encourages engagement from remote students at home.





In 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA, students are beginning a unit on narrative writing. They are participating here with classmates in an introductory activity that gave them a number of questions to respond to; the answers to these questions would in turn promote storytelling, and would remind them that we all have our own unique stories to tell! We continue to thank our teachers for finding new ways to engage students and encourage group work while keeping safety the number one priority.



Our 1<sup>st</sup> grade, in preparation for the Feast of St. Francis this coming Sunday, blessed their stuffed animals. This is one of our favorite 1<sup>st</sup> grade traditions and we were happy to keep it going for another year!

Finally, our third grade represented St. Joseph School



during First Friday Mass this morning in their Communion outfits. We couldn't be more proud of them – they read wonderfully and were mature and poised throughout the mass. Of



course it's our hope to bring the entire school back to mass together at some point later in the school year, but for now class that is preparing the mass will be the class representing the school on First Fridays.

Thanks again everyone for reading – more about our classes and activities coming your way next week!

Warm Regards,

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