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



Welcome back to another addition of the *Week in Review*! We're happy to share more about our program across grade levels with you. We'll start with our Early Childhood, who this week had a number of different fun activities to enjoy (as always!) Students enjoy indoor and



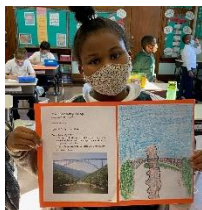
outdoor physical activity, both in the gym and on the playground. We've been able to reintroduce



recess equipment safely across all grade levels, and our Early Childhood was also able to join in on the fun! Pre-K also got to enjoy another messy Science experiment by making pumpkin-spice Oobleck in class, and our Treasure Time students got to see their seeds grow into plants! Nursery also got to take a walk on the Church grounds and



visited the statue of Mary for a prayer. This array of different opportunities and experiences is what truly makes our EC program great.



Third grade participated in an extension activity for a story they read in their *Journeys* book called *Pop's Bridge*. Students used their devices to research famous bridges, created a Doc about it, and then created their own drawing. Students in third grade are also getting creative with their 3-D printing designs – future builders and architects in the making!





In our Elementary and Middle School, teachers are focusing on allowing students to safely work in groups. Here, 5th grade students are using flash cards to test each other's knowledge for an upcoming vocabulary quiz, and 7th grade students are



discussing some of the challenging experiences the main characters in *Long Walk to Water* are facing. This novel ties in nicely with our virtue this year – resilience – which is naturally weaved into their discussions. Also, the 8th grade worked on a Religion assignment outside, answering questions about the responsibilities and duties of Catholic believers. We're happy to continue to offer outdoor learning while the weather has been nice!

Middle School also had three special events this week that we'd like to highlight. Though our Pathways classes are being presented virtually this semester, we still were able to do a heart dissection in our Mini Med class! Students were able to complete the project remotely thanks to our instructor, Dr. Spinelli. We also had our Student Council



elections – congrats to Emma (President), Brooke (VP), Anna (Treasurer) and Colin (Secretary). I look forward to working with these talented young leaders, along with our classroom reps, to bolster our programs and strengthen student voice. Last, the 6th grade presented our first prayer service of the



year, which was recorded and shared with our school community. We thank them for their hard work and wonderful prayers, focusing on All Saints Day.

Until next time, be safe and make sure to keep up with us through our website and social media pages! We always have more to share.

Warm Regards,

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