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



Things certainly didn't slow down for us after Catholic Schools Week – we have so much to share with you! In Early Childhood, students learned about George Washington with President's Day coming up on Monday. Also, PKA

continued their tradition of building their cereal box house – it's big enough to fit a couple of students even with social distancing!

Kindergarten had one of their remote friends teach them about the Lunar New Year (which is today). The student read a book and even made sure his friends got red envelopes for good luck! What an amazing opportunity – our students loved learning from their friend about his culture and customs.



3rd Grade participated in two special projects.

First, they wrote opinion pieces about why they thought St. Joseph School is a wonderful place. They also learned about food chains in Science class, and then made their own "chains" to showcase what they had learned. We were happy to display their projects!



The 5th grade also had fun in Science. 5A students are pictured here tying their shoes... why is that significant? Well, they were learning about special adaptations, in particular apposable thumbs. Many simple tasks (like tying shoes) would be nearly impossible without that special adaptation, and we shouldn't take that for granted! 5B students are pictured learning about ecosystems, seeing who could make the longest possible food chain using the information they were given. As you can see, there was a lot of information to comb through!



We're happy to continue to have a safe Phys. Ed. experience for all of our classes from Nursery through 8th grade. Here, the 1st grade is completing an obstacle course pretending that the floor is lava!



Our Math and Spelling Bees were unfortunately postponed last week due to our snow days, but our contestants were still ready and were truly amazing this week! Congratulations to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in our Middle School Math Bee and elementary grades Spelling Bee!



Our Curriculum Leadership Team here at SJS, comprised of teacher representatives from each grade level group and special content areas, met this week to talk about important curriculum developments, remote learning, learning software programs and i-Ready. We're so grateful that these teachers are giving up their time to ensure our school continues



to move in the right direction!

Last, we celebrated Valentine's Day (coming up next week) by having a red-themed dress down. From Nursery to 8th grade, and from our faculty and staff, we wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and a great week next week! See you again the week of the 22nd!



Warm Regards,
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