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



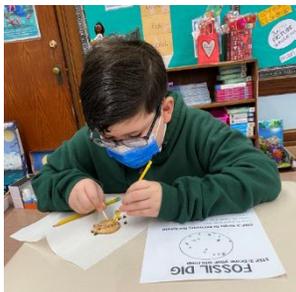
We're back – and we didn't miss a beat! Early Childhood was busy this week with a number of different class activities and projects. But first, we always like to have a little gym time! We're happy to be able to continue to offer gym classes safely across grade levels, especially for our youngest students who have gym twice per week.



Nursery and PK also learned about shapes, both in 2D and 3D. They learned new vocabulary, colored shapes to differentiate them, and made creative projects out of both construction paper and 3D building blocks.



One of our PK classes learned about dental hygiene, but got a little messy in the process – it's all for the love of learning! Oh yeah, and we also built a robot – no big deal.



After learning about fossils and extinct animals in Science, the 3rd grade used their paleontology skills to excavate “chip fossils” from their chocolate chip cookies. Those must have been the tastiest fossils ever!



In order to widen students' interest and excite them about new books, the fourth and fifth-grade classes have kicked off their very own book tournament, inspired by the NCAA college basketball tournament! The teachers choose

16 books based on those we have read together and others that are sure to excite our young readers. The students will vote for their favorite books throughout the tournament to ultimately name the top book of the "2021 March Madness Tournament of Books." Students are even reading at recess to get a sense of which books they'll continue to vote for!



A few weeks ago, we featured the 5th and 1st grade buddies meeting each other virtually to learn more about each other. From that, the 5th



graders were making presentations about their buddy's favorite animal to meet requirements in their own Science classes. This past week, the 5th grade got to share their finished projects, and the result was incredible! They had so much fun sharing and they look forward to more of these virtual one-on-one



hangouts as the year progresses.



7th grade is working on a Lenten project together with in-person and remote classmates. The project asks them to synthesize, reason and reflect by using both personal experience and scripture to strive toward meeting our Mission as Catholics to follow the Pillars of Lent – prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



Here's to 100 days in school! The 1st grade and Kindergarten got their 100th days this week, and Pre-K will get theirs next week. Fun shirts, projects and games made the end of the week a blast!



Hope you enjoyed this week's Review. Until next time, be safe and stay healthy!



Warm Regards,
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