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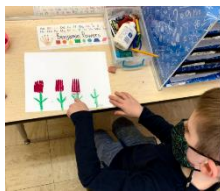
Teaching Minds. Guiding Hearts.

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



Welcome back to another edition of the *Week in Review!* There are some changes coming to our WIR which will be addressed in a subsequent email – but for now let's get started with a recap of this past week. Nursery worked on their colors and numbers, but of course took time to enjoy the beautiful weather by visiting our playground! They also participated in Easter crafts, during which they learned the importance of the Holy Day.



Pre-K, as always, had a great mix of fun and engaging learning activities. They celebrated the start of spring by painting tulips using some red paint and a fork! They sorted objects into different categories during their Math lesson, and they even got to use the Epic! app on their iPads. We're happy to continue to provide our Early Childhood students with all of this variety in their learning experiences.



Second grade was also busy, both with First Holy Communion prep and Math. In both instances, the students used manipulatives to help them visualize what they were learning. In Religion class, they put together a puzzle of the order of the Mass so they can participate appropriately. In Math, they used oversized coins as they become familiar with counting, adding and subtracting money.





3rd Grade practiced their creative skills through our 3D printing program and made Easter decorations! 5th grade worked on Vocabulary Word Frames, which ask them to write synonyms, definitions, a sentence, and draw a picture representing the word. A fun way to absorb



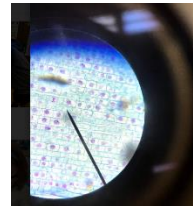
new vocabulary, which is one of our curriculum mapping goals as a school.



We were blessed to have the author of *An Invisible Thread*, Laura Schroff, visit our school virtually on Tuesday. She gave two different talks to two groups of students, and also spoke with parents during a night session. We got to revisit all of our important virtues, particularly focusing on what one act of kindness can accomplish. We hope to have Ms. Schroff in person next year!



Middle Schools students used their microscopes to observe onion cells undergoing mitosis/cell division. Most are in “interphase”, but our 8th graders here are looking specifically for mitotic phases... difficult to follow but cool nonetheless! They also wrote essays after



reading John Steinbeck’s *The Pearl* in which they used their critical thinking skills to evaluate “good versus evil” when it came to the main character. The essays were put on display in the Middle School hallway.



We were also very happy with the 1st grade’s presentation of our March Prayer Service. Thank you for preparing us for the coming of Easter!



This will be the last weekly letter until after our Easter break – we look forward to more exciting things to share with you when we return!

Warm Regards,

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