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



It's the last Friday of the month, so we have our special monthly newsletter filled with pictures to share about the events here at SJS over the last few weeks. Our Early Childhood classes were able to enjoy some amazing weather since returning from Easter break.



Whether it was fun on the playground, chasing bubbles on the lawn or simply enjoying the beauty of the parish grounds, they were loving it!



Nursery and PK students also had fun indoors!



They participated in a pajama day and were able to complete STREAM activities, including a lesson on lady bugs – many of our classes are working with butterflies as well. They'll be releasing them out into the world as soon as they've grown.



To top it off, one of our Early Childhood teachers is now a published author! Ms. Smith – seen here signing Mrs. Bateman's copy – wrote *Maya's Words*, a children's book about the power of positive affirmations. She uses them with her class each and every day, and has inspired other teachers to do the same. Congratulations, Ms. Smith!





5th and 1st grade got some outdoor time as they completed a buddy project for Earth Day. Students were able to roam the grass next to our recess area to find simple objects – leaves, sticks, etc. – to create an Earth Day collage. The students were so happy to be able to spend time together outside with their



buddies! Earlier in the year, we shared pictures of the 5th and 1st grade buddies working virtually – it’s great to see how far we’ve come since then!



We also had the pleasure of being able to donate some of our older technology equipment to a school in Nigeria. Father Eugene, of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, came to visit us and thank us for our generosity. A big thanks to Ms. Raad for connecting us. We’re so happy to be able to make a positive impact on a global scale!



Our 3rd graders presented our Prayer Service for this month. Their focus was on helping others and spreading kindness – a message that we echo in our school Mission statement each morning. We thank our 3rd grade for their hard work and beautiful presentation. Hard to believe that we only have one more Prayer Service to go for the year!



One of the most exciting events we’ve had here over these past weeks was our 2nd graders’ First Holy Communion. The weather was absolutely perfect! We were so happy to



provide the students with this opportunity as scheduled, focusing on safety but allowing for guests and picture taking. I’m so glad to be moving in the right direction as we pray for a slow and steady return to normalcy.



We hope you enjoyed your look into the happenings at SJS! See you next time!

Warm Regards,

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