



It's happened! The tulips have begun sprouting in the courtyard outside of my office windows. They haven't bloomed but it won't be long. The snow pile in the front school yard is slowly melting away and everyone has a little bounce in their step. These are sure signs to me that spring has sprung.

Usually at this time of the year, we have to gently remind our students that while summer is approaching, it's not here yet! Our focus through June is on academics and preparing the students to be promoted to the next grade. There is a curriculum at each grade level that we aim to complete so that we start off the next year on track. It will help us tremendously if you can ensure your child is completing their nightly assignments, studying for tests and doing his/her best to stay on task. Preparing for the big soccer game by practicing in your backyard each night is important just as studying for the big test is important in school. We appreciate your help!

The PTO has been very, very busy lately. We have many events in March for our children and families. The Book Fair was a huge success! They also hosted a wonderful Family Night Out at the Merrimack College Hockey game earlier in the month. One of the biggest fundraisers will be coming up at the end of April so stay tuned for Boosterthon details!

I am excited to share that we will be renovating the bathrooms located in what we fondly refer to as, "The Old School." These bathrooms are original to the school and are drastically in need of renovating. In addition to gutting the bathrooms and making them age-appropriate for our pre-k, kindergarten and first graders, we are also excited to be building two adult lavatories that can be used by staff as well as visiting parents. Due to the cost of the project, we had to work closely with the Archdiocese of Boston and had to use a pre-approved list of contractors for the job. The work is expected to begin immediately following the last day of school and is expected to be completed before the first day of school in August. This project has been on our long-range plan and we are excited to be able to tackle it. Over the past few years, we have additionally renovated the "Old School" by installing new windows and brightening up the hallways and classrooms with fresh paint! Due to the timing of the eleven week project, the last day of school has been revised. See important email that was sent home.

During this Lenten season, our students have been preparing for Easter. As a reminder, the school will be closed on Friday, March 29th for Good Friday. We will celebrate Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Look for Mass times in the Trumpet that week.

Many wishes for a Blessed Easter!

Yours in Christ,

Sue Gosselin

Saint Michael School Mission Statement

Saint Michael School offers an exceptional Catholic education to our students, nurturing their desire to achieve academic excellence and encouraging spiritual, artistic, and athletic development in a caring, family environment. We motivate our students to become well-rounded, moral young men and women who are prepared to live a faithful life with intellectual rigor and spiritual awareness.

St. Michael Church

In a few weeks we will celebrate Easter Sunday. I encourage all to participate in all of the beautiful Liturgies that our Church has in the days of Holy Week leading up to Easter Sunday. At St. Michael's our Holy Week Liturgies are scheduled to begin at 7:30 P.M. on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday (March 28th, 29th, and 30th). Our Easter Sunday Masses are at 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 at the Church and at 10:15 A.M. at the Merrimack College Chapel. As a people of faith, these celebrations are at the heart of everything we believe and strive to live. May the joy of Easter fill your hearts with the hope of the Risen Lord!

God Bless!

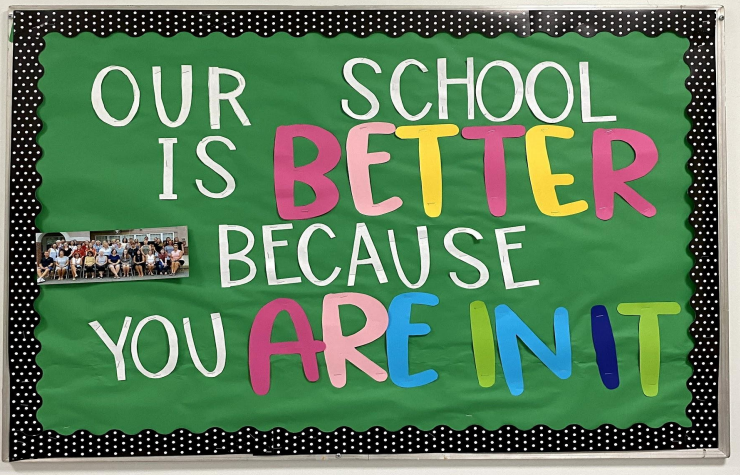
Fr. Deeley



IMPORTANT+

Upcoming Reminders

- March 28- Term III ends
- March 29- Good Friday, No School
- March 31- Easter Sunday
- April 4 - Report Cards
- April 8- 1:45pm. Mass
- April 11- Science Fair
- April 13- Grade 7 & 8 NYC trip
- April 15-19 April Vacation



Do Not Send Cash or Checks Into School

When paying for field trips, art projects, club, etc. for your child, all payments must be made through our Student Information Service Program, RenWeb/FACTS.

Have An Idea or Suggestion?

We love to hear from you! If you would like to send us a comment or a suggestion, please email us at info@comcast.net.

Food Allergy Policy

Saint Michael School strives to be a nut free school. Please do not send in items that contain peanut butter or tree nuts. Please direct any questions to the Health Office. Thank you for your consideration.

Notice

This notice is per the "Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act." An asbestos management plan has been developed for St. Michael's School which has asbestos containing material present. These plans are available and accessible to the public by contacting Nick Ippolito at 978-686-4050 at the Parish Offices as well as at the LEA administration office.

Tuition Update

How Do Families Receive a Parishioner Tuition Rate?

As a reminder, to be considered an active parishioner (and receive a parishioner tuition rate for the 2024-2025 school year) families must make a minimum total offertory donation of **\$500** to our parish beginning **July 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024**. This can be done on a weekly basis when you attend Mass **BUT** it must be made in a trackable manner. You **NEED** to be a registered parishioner. If you wish to receive offertory envelopes from the parish, please email Dorothy_varga@saintmichael.com.

You may also make donations on the parish online giving website <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/298>. Donations made at Easter and Christmas are for the benefit of the Clergy Trust and therefore do **NOT** count toward the annual \$500 donation to St. Michael Parish.

Thank You!

We wish to thank and recognize everyone who donated to our Annual Fund. We are excited to announce that we have received almost **\$60,000** since October! Your generosity made that possible!

- In an ever-changing world, we would like to improve important aspects of our security and safety protocols, with priority to installing exterior cameras on the property.
- Update our ever-aging building. Our old building is over 70 years old and our “new” school is over 20 years old. We are looking to upgrade our bathrooms, playground and windows.
- As our integrated STEM program for Nursery through Grade 8 continues to grow, we want to ensure that we have a strong budget and plan to better prepare our students for the future.

Trinity Level

(over \$5,000)

Anonymous Donations

Mr. and Mrs. David Broussard

Mr. James Connolly

Ms. Donna Joslin

Archangel Level

(\$1,000 to \$4,999)

James and Rose Connolly

Fr. Kevin Deeley

Mr. and Mrs. Fred D'agata

The Donahue Family

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neff

Mr. and Mrs. William Rogge

Sisters of Charity Level

(\$501 to \$999)

Mrs. Donna Andren & Mr. Tom DeRosa

Mrs. Beni Barrett

Kate Callahan Polanco and

Margaret Callahan Ritter

Mr. David Cwiekowski and

Mrs. Beni Barrett

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gangi

Mr. Hsien-Wen Hsu Hsu &

Mrs. Yu-Fen Chang

Shauna & Mark LaSpina

Mr. Wing Lui

Founders Level

(\$101 to \$500)

Ann Amico

Michael & Valerie Andren

Mr. & Mrs. Mario Benedetto

Ms. Jane Burleigh

Clara Cabrera

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Coughlan

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent D'Alessandro, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. David DeFillippo

Founders Level (continued)

Mr. and Mrs. Dichiappari

Mr. and Mrs. Fadel

Thomas & Kathleen Ferlito

The Gesing Family

Mrs. Christine Goddard-Brown and

Mr. Shawn Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington

Ms. Diane Haslam

Mr. Hsien-Wen Hsu Hsu &

Mrs. Yu-Fen Chang

Mr. & Mrs. George Kazanjian

Mr. and Mrs. Kim

Mr. & Mrs. James Lafond

Mr. and Mrs. Levis

The Leyden Family

Mr. Wing Lui

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lynch

Ms. Gina Malandra

Susan Mansor

Mr. and Mrs. Maroun

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McCarthy

Mr. & Mrs. Robert McCumber

Mr. Ulysses Rodriguez and

Mrs. Dorys Mejia

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Meshotto

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mills

Debra Morin

The Newman Family

Kevin & Donna O'Brien

Mrs. Clare Ritchie

The Rondinelli Family

Nicole Swiec

Judith Tarquinio

Mr. and Mrs. Warner

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Wiseheart

Mr. William Forsyth and

Mrs. Ida Zarraga-Forsyth

Principal Level

(up to \$100)

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Andren

Mrs. Ruth Bamford

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beaudry

Anne Blain

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Caffrey

Mrs. Ann Caramanica

Mrs. Margherita Caron

Mr. Gerard Casal & Mrs.

Stephanie Lallier-Casal

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Ciesielski

Ms. Margorie Dahill

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Diresta

Mr. & Mrs. John Gallagher

Judith Garrett

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson

Mrs. Carol Leary

Mr. and Mrs. Lough

Mrs. Kathleen O'Keefe

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Pawlik

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Penny

Mrs. Ella Riley

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Surette

Mr. & Mrs. David Weihrach

Mr. Edwin Young

Every effort was made to provide an accurate listing. Please accept our apology if we made a mistake and please reach out so it can be corrected.!



A great big thank you to the Blanche Walsh Trust for their very generous Grant of \$10,000. This grant will be used to upgrade our security system!

Many generous donations came in to recognize beloved family, friends, or loved ones, both living and deceased. Please remember to keep all our families in your daily prayers.

Allyson Brown, the Caramanica Children, Colin Dahill, Fr. Kevin Deeley, Donna Donahue, Jeffrey E. Donahue, III, Dr. & Mrs. Edward P. Moran, Michael Leary, In memory of Connor Ciesielski, Jack & Finn Pawlik, Josephine Garraitan, Kathy Callahan, Kingsley Charles, Owen & Cece Penny, Ryan Hiro, the Thurman Family and Tiernan & Keegan Paradis

Teaching Students for Tomorrow



Your Gift Makes A Difference!

UMatter Program



Our UMatter pledge is recited each morning:

*I pledge on this morning, as I begin this school day, to be thoughtful and kind in all I do and I say.
To treat others with respect as I'd have them treat me. To be the kind person God wants me to be.
To do one good deed and to all be a friend and to tell someone they matter before the day ends!*

T.E.A.C.H.

in**T**egrity

g**E**nerosity

f**A**ith

Courage

t**H**ankfulness

These 5 character traits will be focused on during the 10 months of school (one for every 2 months). Each time we see a student exhibiting or exemplifying a trait, we add their name to the UMatter container. Each week the office staff will randomly pick students from the container and they'll select a prize from the UMatter prize box.

September & October--- Faith

November & December--- Thankfulness

January & February--- Generosity

March & April---Integrity

May & June--- Courage

SMS SUMMER FUN

For more details and to sign up go to Renweb!!



HAWAIIAN LUAU!

JULY 8-12



Around the World!

July 15-19



Christmas in July

July 22-26



Under the Big Top!

July 29- August 2



WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS

AUGUST 5-9



Movies!

August 12-16



Students Entering Kindergarten - 7th Grade

Join Mrs. Polcari, other SMS staff and alumni for a summer of fun!

First Come - First Served - Don't Miss Out

No refunds unless the program is cancelled

½ day- \$200/week

Full day- \$350/week

LET'S HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

Students Entering
Kindergarten - 7th Grade
Join Mrs. Polcari, other SMS staff and
alumni for a summer of

**Athletics, STEM, Arts & Crafts,
Music, Academics, and Free
Play right here at
Saint Michael School!**

Half Day (no lunch)- 8:00 am- 12:00 pm
Full Day (lunch from home)- 8:00 am- 4:00 pm

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NURSERY



PRE-K

Early Childhood

Nursery, Pre-K, & Kindergarten

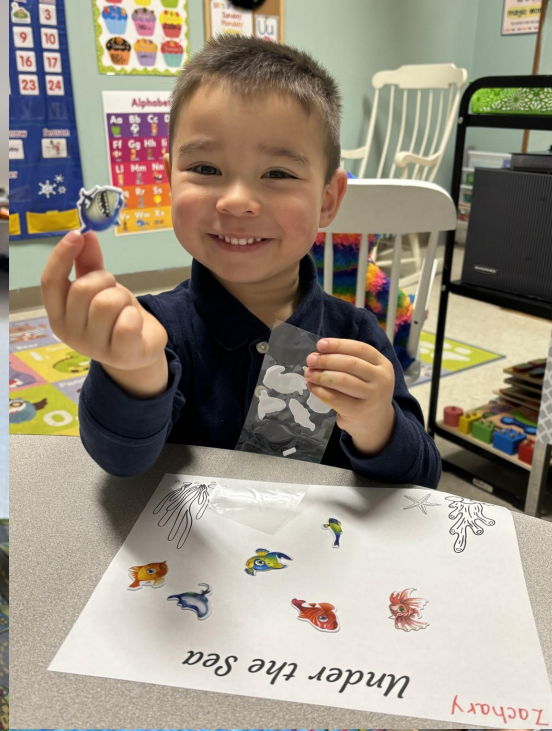
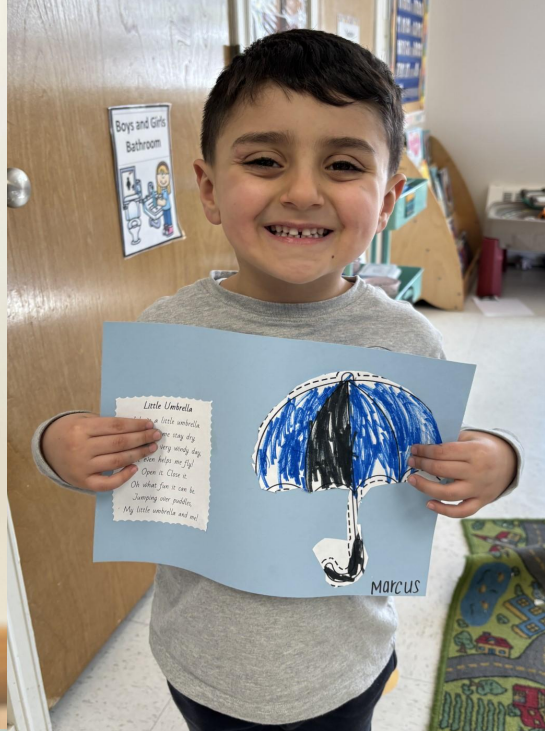


KINDERGARTEN



We are so excited Miss Erin is back for weekly mindfulness lessons! We will finish our letter of the week in March, then focus on numbers, shapes, patterns and our names!





A Prayer of Saint Patrick

*The strength of God
pilot us,
the wisdom of God
instruct us,
the hand of God
protect us,
the word of God
direct us.*

PRE-K Mrs. Reinhard

During the month of March we celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Students are loving our new interactive smartboard!



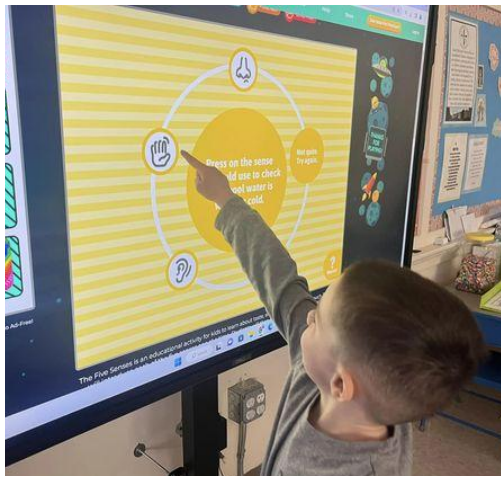
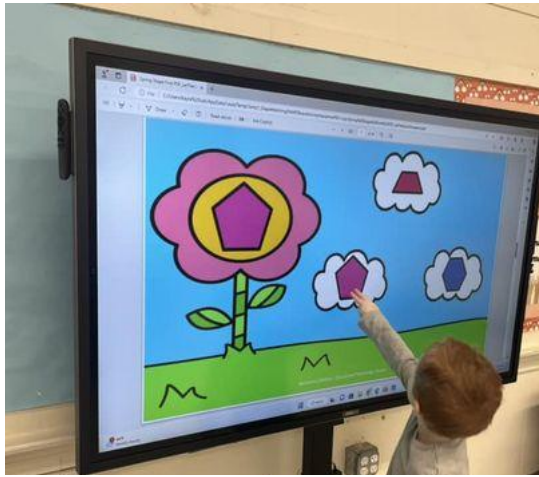
PRE-K Ms. K



We enjoyed learning about our five senses by guessing sounds, describing textures, talking about how things taste, and we even used our noses to guess what we were smelling. Next, we will learn about weather and rainbows. Later in the month we will welcome the new season and talk about new life as we get ready to celebrate Easter.



PRE-K Mrs. Cali



We are having so much fun preparing for Saint Patrick's Day and Easter! We also are loving our new interactive board! We have used it to help us with shapes, patterns and more! We are also starting to enjoy the spring weather!



Kindergarten!

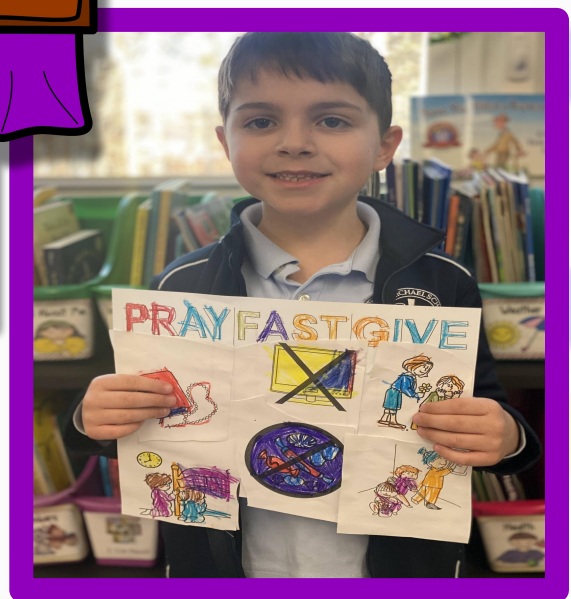
Mrs. Sleight



Kindergarten has been having fun making leprechauns, rainbows and pots of gold for March. Our class has also been practicing "kind words" and "kind actions" to our friends. We also enjoyed a story read to us by Mrs. Rowley for Dr. Seuss's birthday!

Kindergarten!

Mrs. Polcari



During Lent, students are learning to
Pray, Fast, Give

Kindergarten!

Mrs. Kasberg



The month of March was a busy one! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's Birthday and Read Across America Week! We finished learning about the planets in science. We Celebrated Saint Patrick's Day and have been preparing for Easter!



FIRST GRADE



SECOND GRADE

Elementary School

Grades 1-4



THIRD GRADE



FOURTH GRADE



First Grade

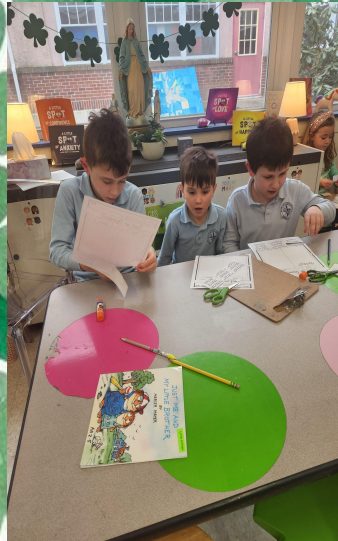
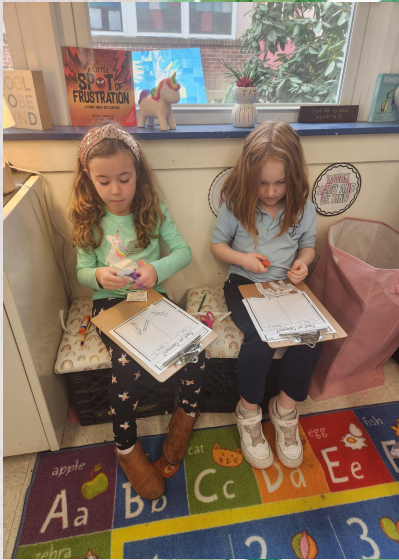
1A- Mrs. Robidoux

We are one lucky class!
Each day is magical when we have fun with friends, focus on strategies to problem solve and learn about our faith.

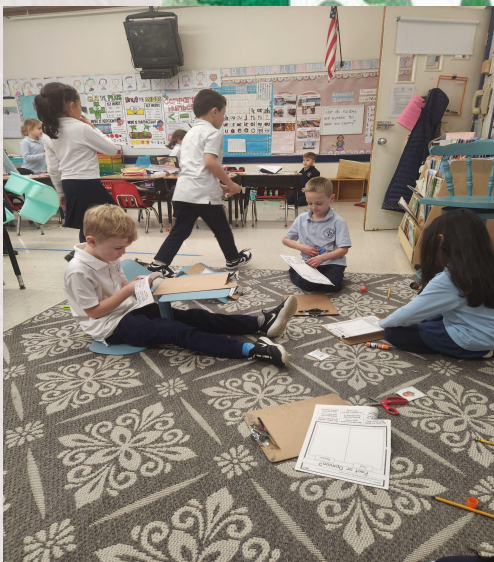


First Grade

IB- MS. BEDARD



HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY!



The children have grown and learned so much! Last month we were illustrators and this month we will work on being authors! Their writing skills are improving so much! We are continuing with Science and Social Studies! Lots of fun in First Grade!



Mrs. Caffrey 2A

Grade 2A continues to “march” on in their education.

Mrs. Rowley read to us to start our program, “Read Across America.”

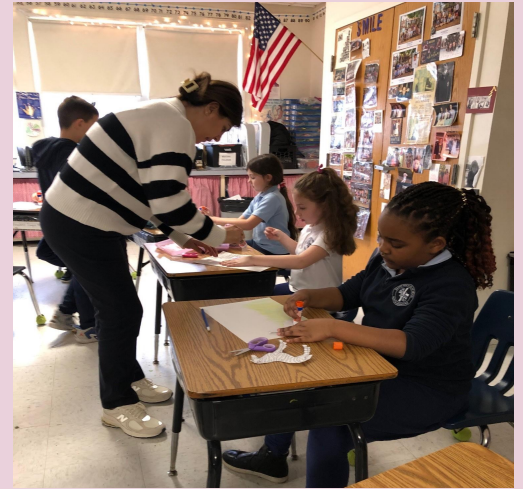
Miss Erin is back with Mindfulness.

Our Emelie won the Spelling Bee.

We learned all about camouflage and enjoyed our trip to the Museum of Science.

We studied all about Chinese New Year. The children continue their Lenten Journey.

A Blessed Easter to all!





Mrs. Grant

Grade 2 had an awesome field trip to the Museum of Science. From the bus ride to the exhibits and spending time with friends.

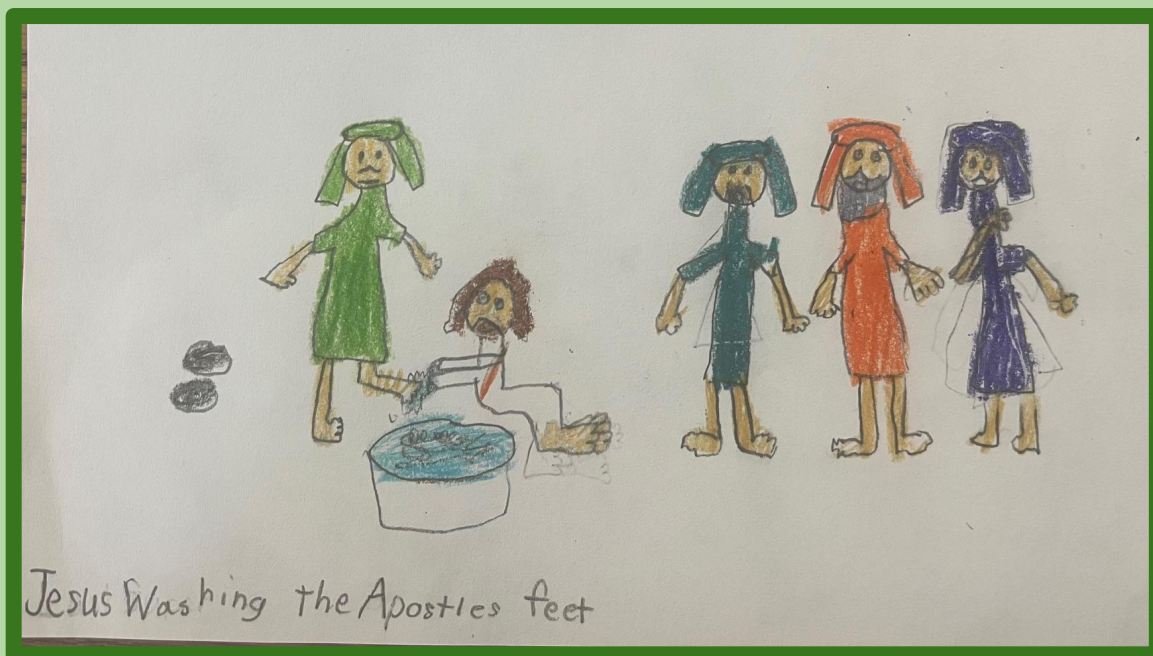




3rd Grade

Mrs. Torpey

This Lent, we are preparing for Easter. We have been praying more often, and we went to Reconciliation. We have learned about and have prayed the Stations of the Cross. We have learned about the events of Holy Week and look forward to celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

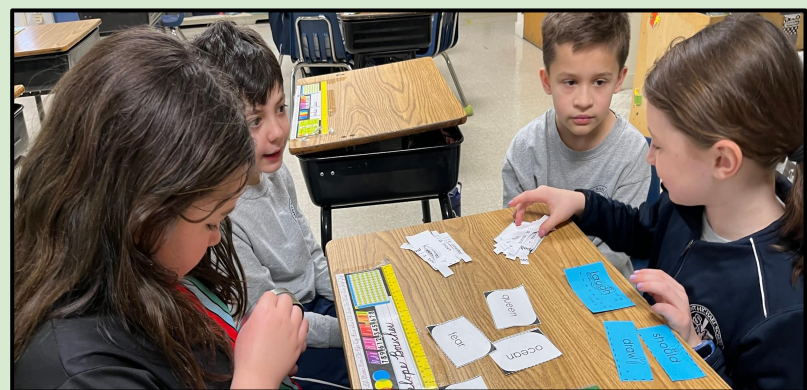
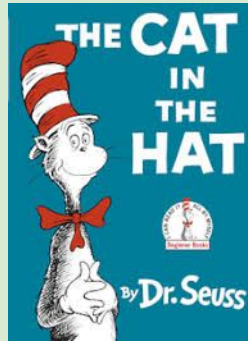


Jesus Washing the Apostles feet

3rd Grade

Miss Puccia

We celebrated Read Across America Day by making, *Cat in the Hat* cut outs.



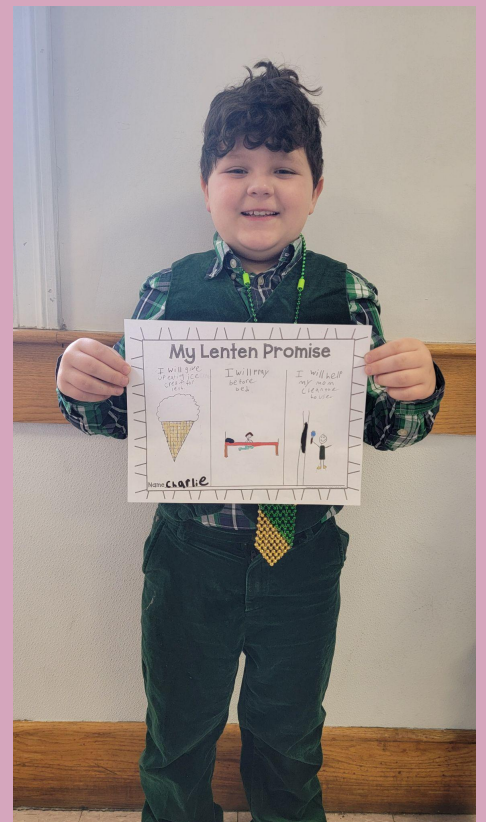
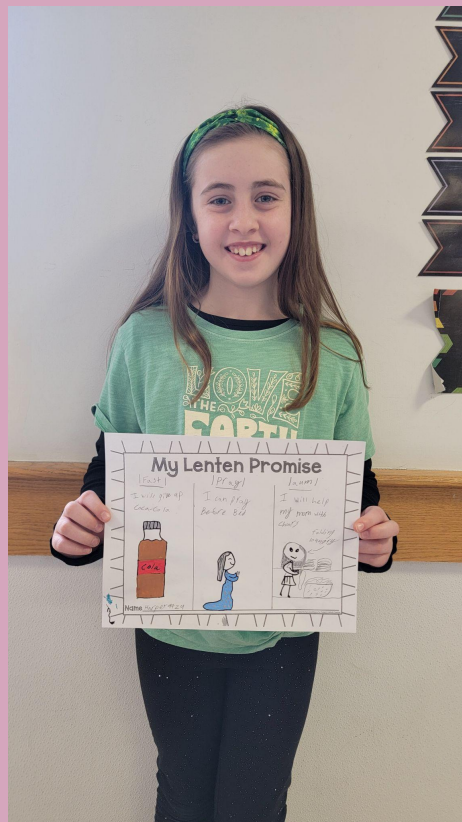
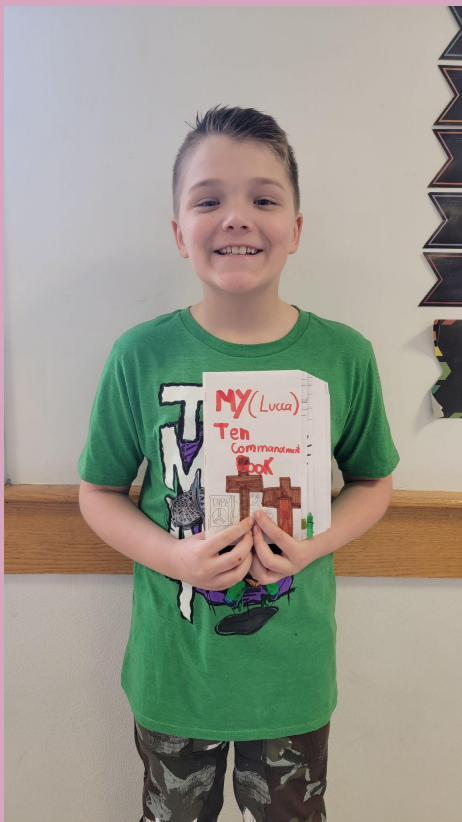
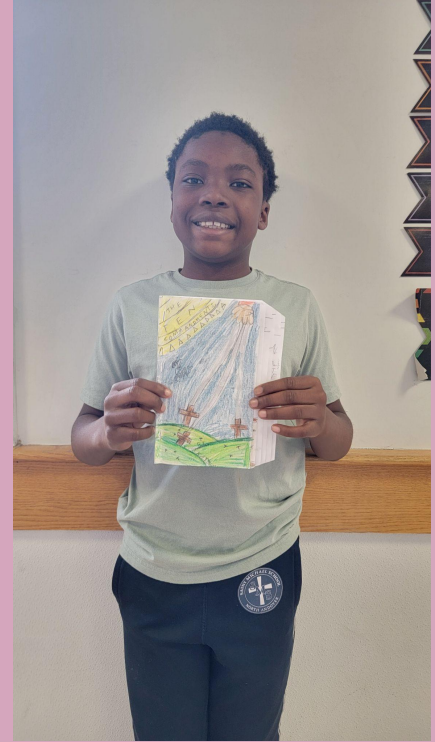
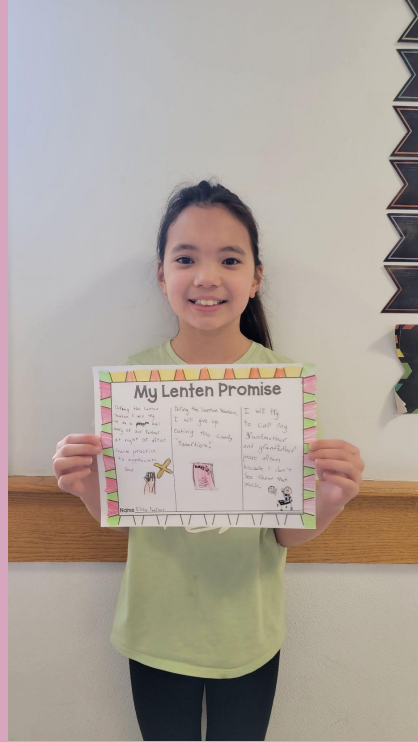
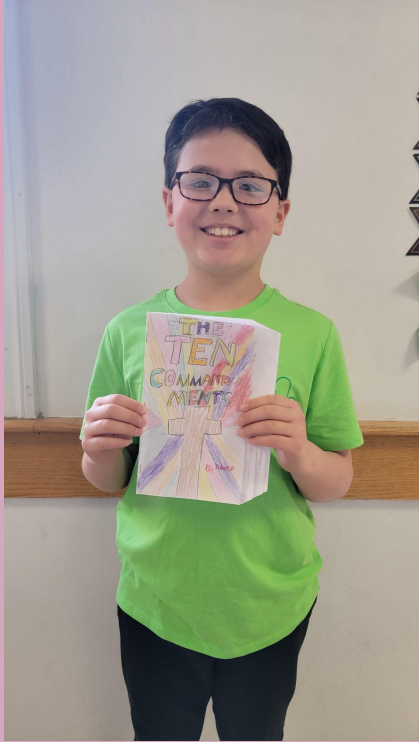
We had fun learning about vowel teams, and we sorted vowel teams in small groups.



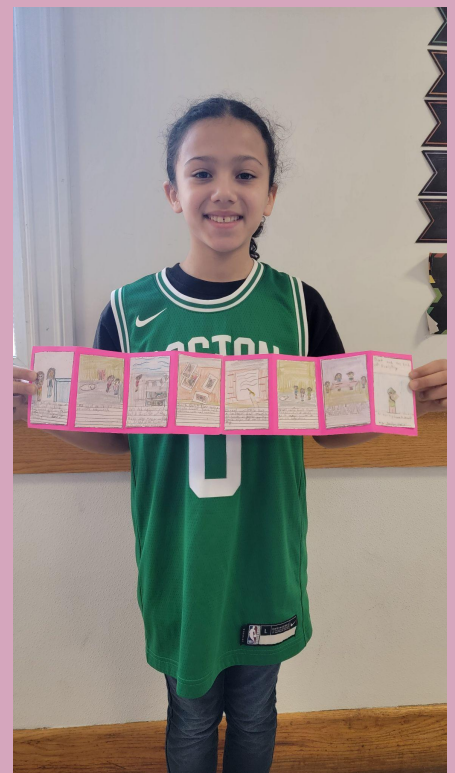
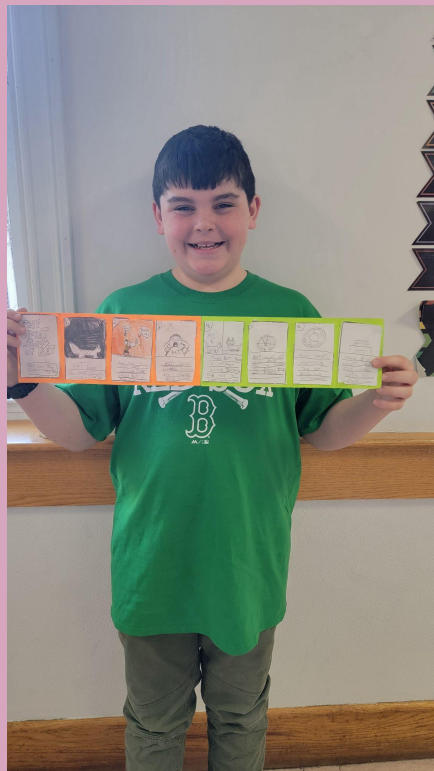
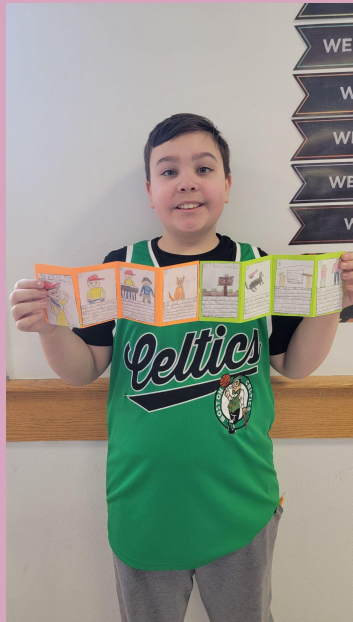
Grade 4

Mrs. Andrewchuk & Mrs. Sullivan

The children in Grade 4 are preparing for Easter. In Religion, the students made Lenten Plans and are currently making Ten Commandment Books.



The students created comic strip book reports to retell the story of *"Bat and the End of Everything!"*





FIFTH GRADE



SIXTH GRADE

Upper School

Grades 5-8

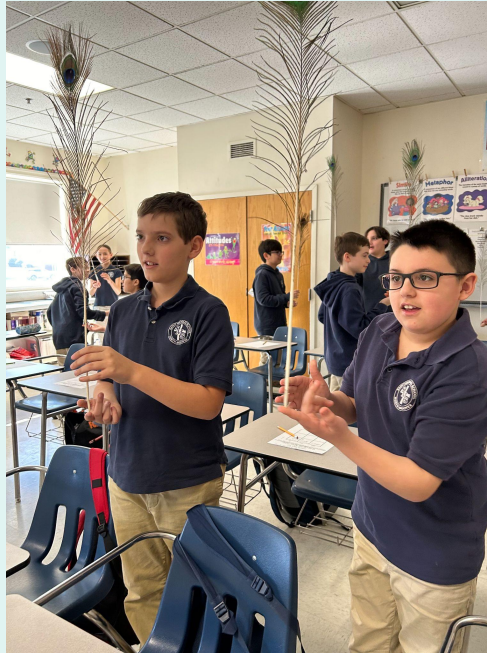


SEVENTH GRADE



EIGHTH GRADE

Mrs. Adam - 5th Grade ELA



Working on grounding themselves into the present moment using their five senses in Mindfulness class.

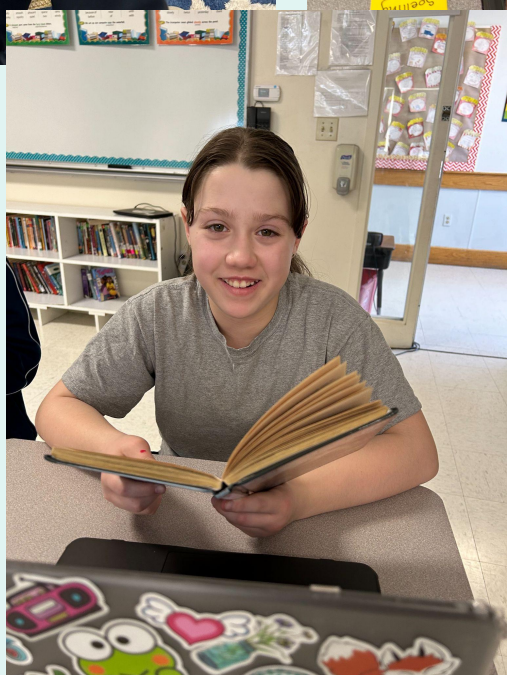
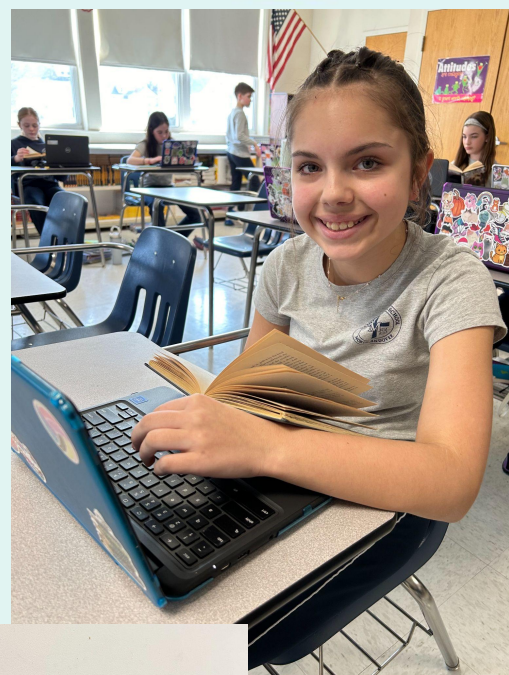


How do you punctuate titles?
They worked well together!



Our class has lost a lot of teeth lately!

Mrs. Adam- 6th Grade ELA



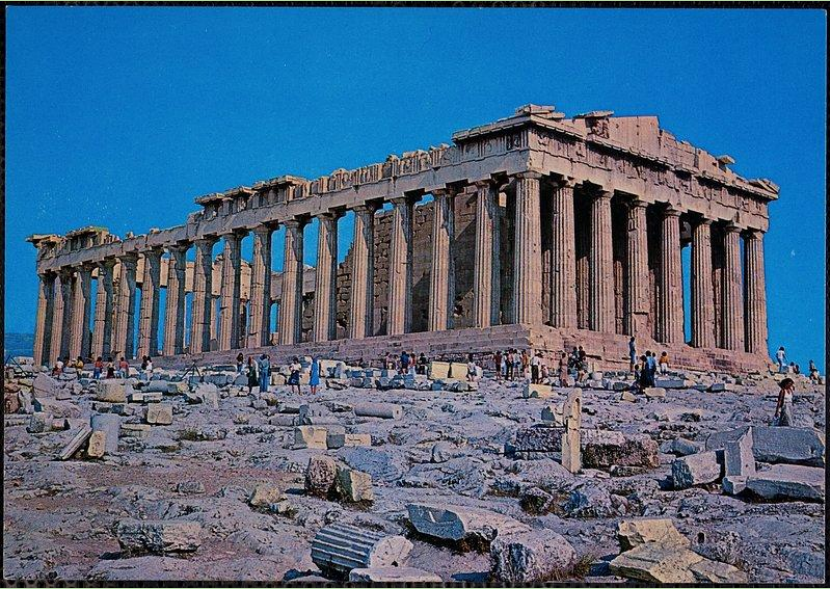
The class finished reading *Old Yeller* this month. We've had many lively discussions! Would you want to become the head of the household at 14 years old in the 1800's?



Grade 5 is learning about the start of our country. We are learning about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and how our founding fathers worked to make sure our freedom was protected.

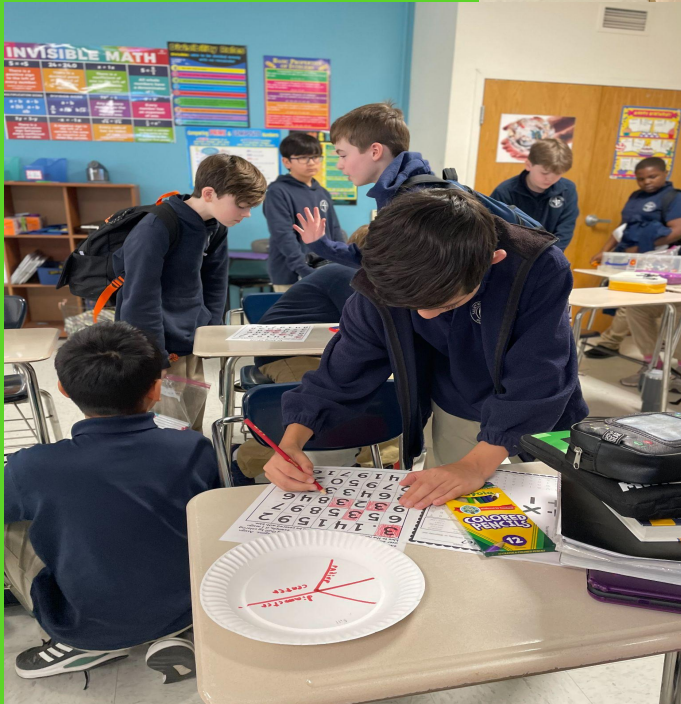
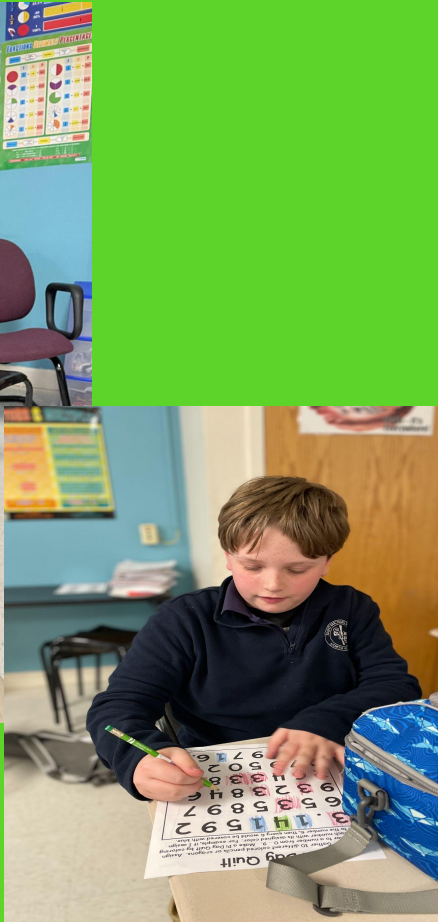
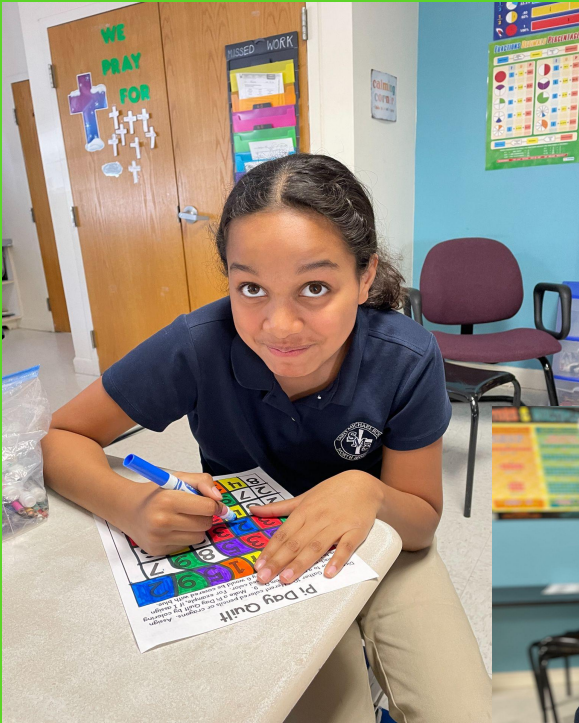


Grade 6 is learning about Ancient Greece and how Sparta and Athens governed their city-states.



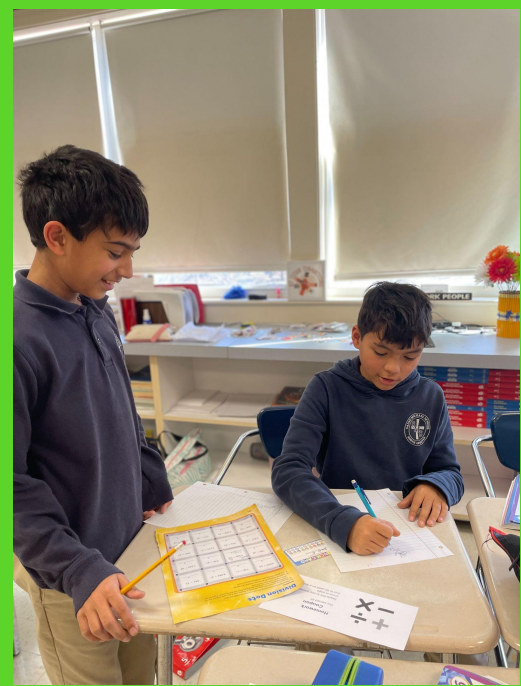
Grade 5 and 6 celebrate Pi DAY 3.14159265...

Grades 5 and 6 explored circumferences and diameters of a circle. We used Pi, a ratio, to help calculate problems. No pies though!



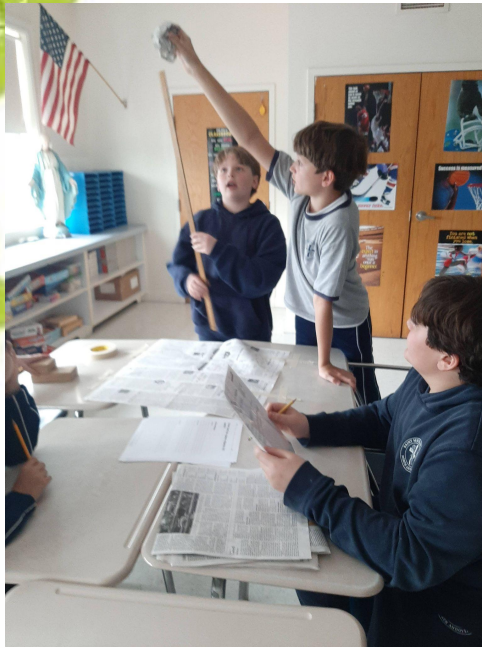
Grade 5 and 6 Minds at Work

Whether we work together or alone, we are focused on learning. Grade 5 spent time working with partners as they studied Math. Grade 6 recorded some of their Lenten practices on footprints, after reading the poem, *Footprints*, by Carolyn Carty



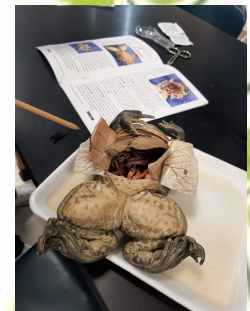
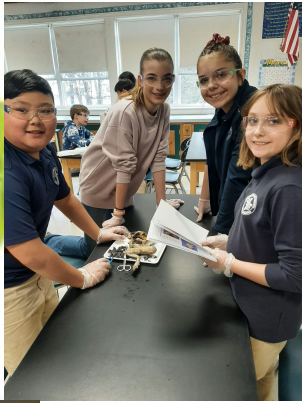
Mrs. Berard 5th Grade Science

The 5th grade lab this month was all about the solar system. The apparent brightness of the stars, the impact of objects on the surface of planets, orbit lengths and they had their questions about Pluto, a dwarf planet answered!



Mrs. Berard 6th Grade Science

The 6th Grade had an amazing experience dissecting frogs!



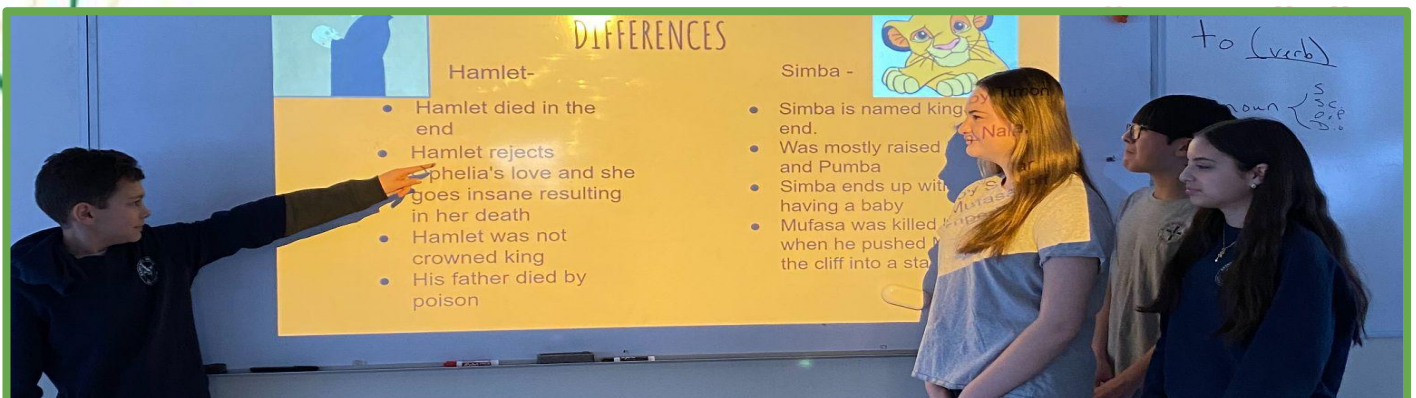
Mrs. Nagle: 7/8 Social Studies

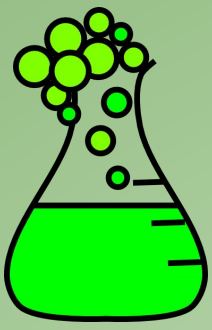
Grade 7 students are studying the United States Constitution by playing concentration with friends.



Mrs. Ordway 7th Grade ELA

Grade 7 completed their unit on Hamlet by comparing two media forms: the play to the movie, *Lion King*.



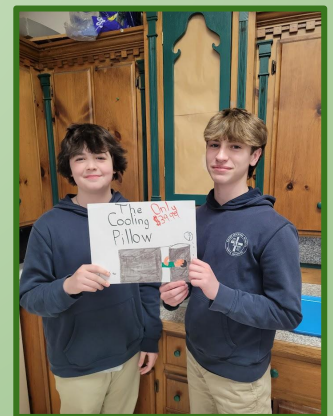
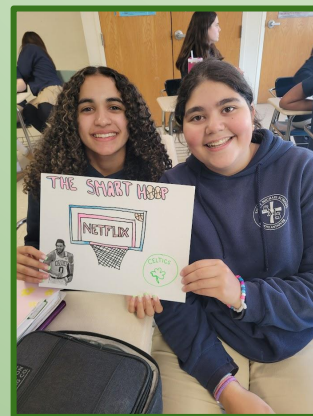
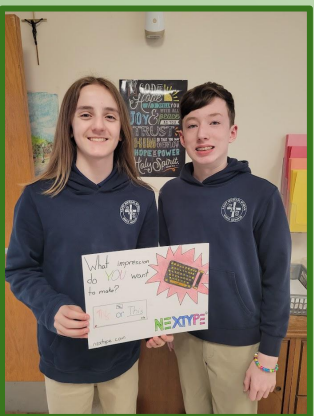
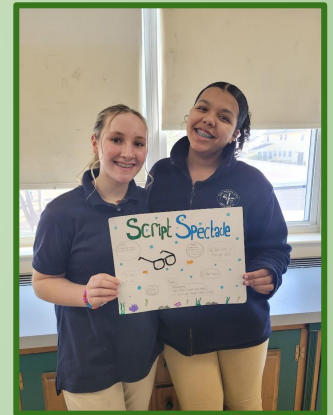
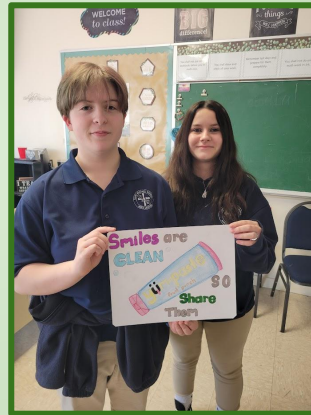
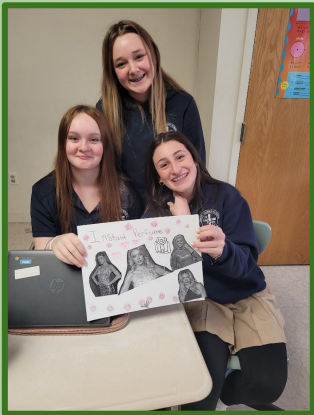


Mr. A: Science 7/8

The Upper Middle School students continue their efforts in science. Grade Seven is learning about the different types of energy and how it can be transformed between types. Grade Eight is learning about genetics, heredity, and how DNA is replicated. In enrichment the 8th grade is working on Shark Tank inventions which they will pitch to the whole grade.

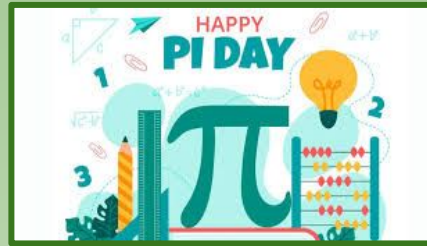
The Science Fair is taking place next month and students in both grades are working towards that goal. Grade Seven just completed their science club. All members received their card for Family and Friends CPR. Grade Eight has started their science club. The students will learn American Red Cross First Aid. They will also do experiments that deal with food science

Happy Easter to all!

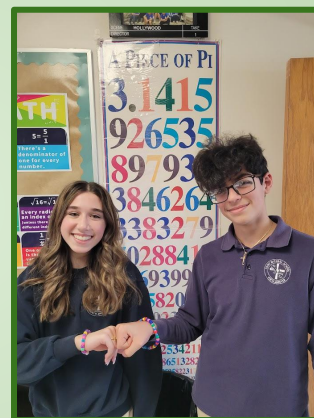
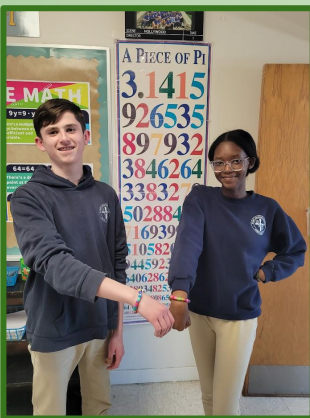


The 8th grade students showed off their creativity with their Enrichment inventions.

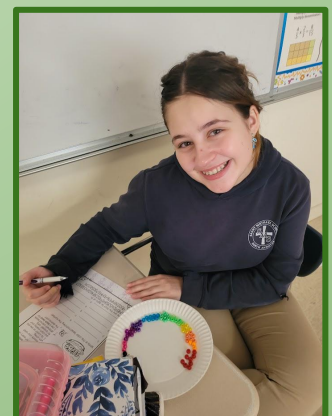
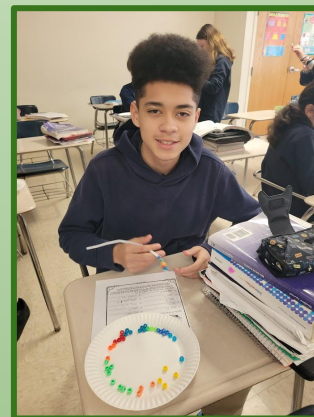
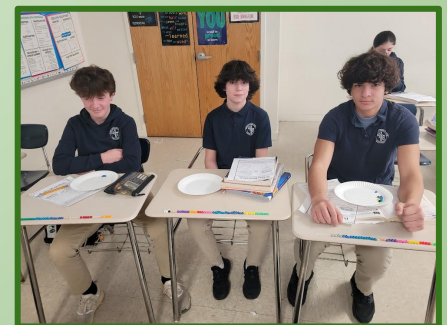
Mrs. Parker: 7/8 Math



Pi Day is a day where we celebrate the irrational number π which is approximated as 3.14. It is appropriately celebrated on March 14 (3/14) each year. This year our 8th grade students made Pi Day bracelets where the digits of pi were represented by different colored beads. The 7th grade students listened to a story about Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi which explained how the special number connects to circles. They also worked on different forms of Pi Day creative writing including pi-kus, pilish, or pi comic strips.



The 8th grade students had fun creating their Pi Day bracelets.





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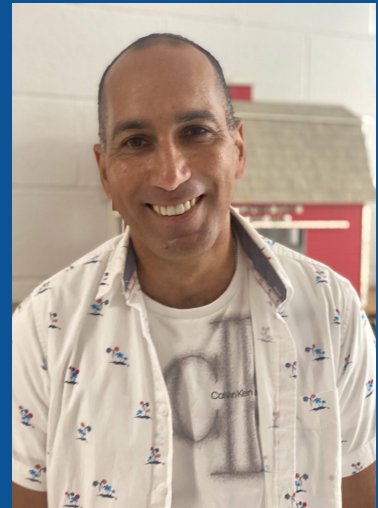
TECHNOLOGY



ART



STEM



SPANISH

Saint Michael PE

Our SMS basketball teams are going wild for March Madness! Thank you to Immaculate Conception in Newburyport for hosting our basketball team in their annual event. It is great to partner up with such a great community.

Ski Club was amazing this year! With such a lack of snow, Ski Bradford was able to keep the condition prime for our group to enjoy! Thank you to parents and staff for making this program possible.

Fun fact, Volleyball has become such a passion at SMS! In class, before school, and at recess, you can find boys and girls practicing their "volleys." We keep Mr. B and Mr. A busy getting the balls off the roof! (still practicing!)

Happy Spring,
Mr. D



Spring is nature's way of saying 'Let's party!' - Robin Williams

MARCH MUSIC

Nursery, PreK-4, Kindergarten: Students are keeping up with percussion instruments and learning new vocabulary of music.

Grade 1: Continues learning seasonal and Patriotic songs.

Grade 2: Students are learning the history of our National Anthem and will present a short Patriotic skit "O'er the Ramparts" for their reading buddies.

Grade 3&4: Continue practicing their recorder skills.

Music Enrichment: Students are learning, exploring different styles and rhythm of various world cultures. Students will sing in native languages and will perform traditional world dance. Exciting challenge!

"Excellent... As Usual!"

Musically yours, Ms. Lavallee



STEM



Grade 2 students are running the good race through their Lenten journey. They used Legos to build the church. Each team member had a specific part to build- the outside walls, the altar, and the pews. Then they put all the pieces together and added the most important piece, the people, to create **The Church!**







Spanish

Clase de Español con el Señor Mercedes

La primavera está en el aire!

Echa un vistazo al vocabulario de primavera!

Spring is in the air! Check out some spring vocabulary!

Spanish - English

la brisa - breeze

el brote - bud

la mariposa - butterfly

la oruga - caterpillar

las nubes - clouds

los huevos - eggs

las flores - flowers

el pasto, la grama - grass

el nido - nest

el charco - puddle

el conejo - rabbit

la lluvia - rain

las botas de lluvia - rain boots

el arcoíris - rainbow

el impermeable, la gabardine - raincoat

la estación, la temporada - season

el cielo - sky

la primavera - spring

el sol - sun

la sombrilla - umbrella

Technology

With Mrs. Lesofsky



Grade 8 continues to work on their US Google Slides project. They are sharpening their research skills and also their typing skills. They are doing a fantastic job!

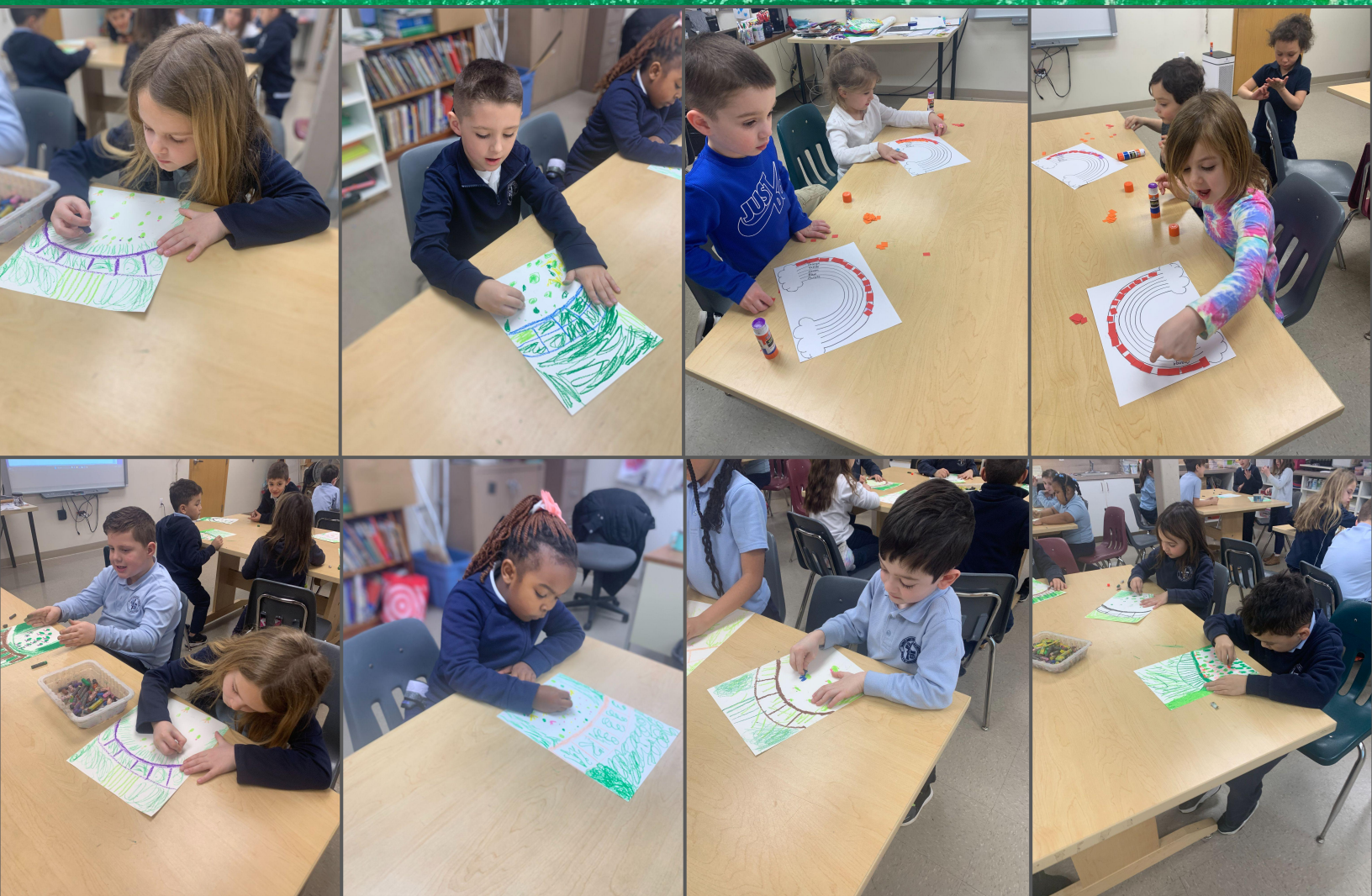


ART CLASS

With Mrs. Donegan



Lots of rainbows in the art room this month! Nursery and Pre-K made rainbow collages. First grade learned about Claude Monet and his garden outside of Paris. They are creating their own landscapes based on his painting of a Japanese bridge over water lilies. They are using oil pastels and watercolors.



Counselor's Corner with Mrs. Rowley



During the month of March we celebrate National Read Across America. I visited 14 classrooms and read a diverse collection of books to our lower school students. What a fun tradition!

