



St. Monica School Extended Day Weekly News!

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Contact Us!

During School Hours, you can call the office and they will relay any messages. Alternatively, you may email our program at

extendedstaff@methuenatholic.org

All emails will be returned by 6PM that day.

Weekly Recap!

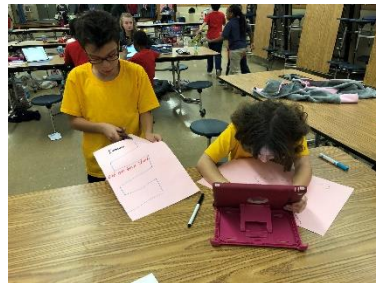
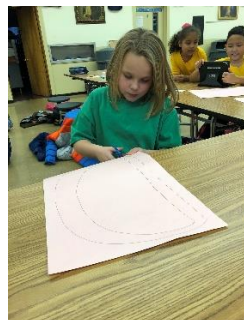
With Advent starting yesterday, this past week that was our focus. We created wreaths, crafted an Advent sign with meaning, and had a very special visit from Nevins Library! Weather was on our side at the end of the week, so we even got to go out and play!

Using their hands, each student in each group made a cut out for the wreath. It had their name and they could decorate however they wished. On the back side of the hand, they also reflected and wrote one thing they will do to prepare for this season. Our Pre-K and K students were mostly going to “help mom and dad” and “be good friends”. All of them gave such sincere answers. Students in Grades 1-7 had a variety of answers. The included helping others, donating gifts, shopping, and many said praying. We had great discussion while they made these creations.





Later in the week, we used our STREAM time to create an Advent message with meaning. All students took a letter in the word Advent. Their group then collaborated and came up with words or phrases that began with that letter. The groups then used ipads to come up with additional phrases or words relating to Advent using the letter given.



We were so fortunate to have a visit from Nevins Library. Kathy Wallace, from the Children's Department, came and brought a great story to read and materials for a fun activity! The book she read was about paper airplanes. Once it was done, she supplied origami paper and the students had races with their creation. The second half of her activity focused on making Christmas cards for those overseas. This session brought so many explorative questions and laughs! It is also brought about many prayers once we started to make the cards. We will be trying to have the Library come in every month or so, depending on their availability.





The end of the week brought just enough sun to play outside for a little while. Once we were back in, the dance party began! There is no better way to end a week than the electric slide and seeing all the students trying to do it!



Coming Events!


Over the next couple of weeks, we will be exploring the Advent Theme. As this is a time of preparation, we will be doing activities each week that focus on reflection, preparing, and opening our hearts. We will not have another newsletter until Monday, December 17th.

As we prepare for Christmas Break, please remember there is **NO EXTENDED DAY, Thursday, December 20th.** Dismissal from school that day is at 11AM.

A Few Reminders!

*As you know, we also allow for iPad use after 4:30 each day. We also allow them to be used if needed for Homework or we are doing an activity. Please remind your student they may not use them to make phone calls/Face time calls, send text messages, play you tube videos, or chat on any social media forums. Staff do walk around while they are using them as we want them to enjoy their iPad while it is free time. With safety being a priority, we also want to make sure all content is appropriate, and contact does not become external.

*It is NOW cooler outside. Please be sure your child has a warm coat, hats, and gloves. We do go outside frequently and will not always have enough staff to stay inside with those who may not have appropriate gear. We understand it can be a struggle. However, if you could pack it in their bag so we know they have it, it truly does help! We appreciate your cooperation.



***We do allow vending machines to be used. We do not, however, have change so please send in the correct amount. Please make sure to remind your child that we do not share money for vending machines.**
