



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!

This week, we engaged the students in Lego Challenges, A Snack Attack activity, Slime (not slime) making, outdoor play (even in the rain), and indoor dance contests.

Lego Challenges were enjoyed by all! Some had to work in groups with challenges such as “lights out”. In this challenge, the player is blindfolded and given the task to build an object only with the legos they are given. Other challenges were independently done. Great job to all.



Our Snack Attack was a caterpillar made from grapes, pretzels, and bananas. This was not only a fun activity, but a tasty and healthy one!



Our Slime (not slime) activity was a huge hit. The “slime” we made was actually Oobleck. Measuring and mixing corn starch, water, and paint we created a mix of traditional slime and kinetic sand.



Of all activities, there were two that were especially meaningful this week. Tuesday, 9/11, we recognized this day by writing thank you letters to Methuen Fire and Police Departments. When we dropped them off, there was a tremendous amount of appreciation. Thursday, 9/13, we had said our daily prayer in the name of anyone who would be affected by Hurricane Florence. After prayer, students in Grades 3-8 shaped their bodies into the shape of a heart. Students in Grades 1-2 shaped their bodies into a cross. Students in pre-K and Kindergarten joined both symbols in the middle with praying hands. We were sending our love and prayers to those affected. Fridays intention during prayer was for all of those affected by the gas crisis in surrounding communities.



Fun Fridays brought dance contests and outdoor play!
We even got to play in the rain a little this week, and the kids LOVED it!



Coming Events!

During this coming week, we will be exploring the “if I am kind to my planet, my planet will be kind to me” theme. Some activities that are planned are making our own sponge greenhouses, my world cookie decorating, moving and shaking game of is it waste or not, and much more!

Staff Spotlight!

Getting to know our Staff!

Each week, we will spotlight one staff member for you to get to know better. A full listing of all of our staff can be found on the Extended Day Board! This week, we would like you to get to know Ms. Alicia.



“Hi! My name is Alicia and this is my second year working in the Extended Day Program. However, I have been involved here at St. Monica's School for a few years, volunteering my free time and through my internship in my Senior year of high school. When I am not working, I am taking courses at Northern Essex Community College, or spending time with my two dogs. I love working in the Extended Day Program because children really are the happiest people and bring out the joy in life!”