



# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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

We've come to the end of our Celebrating Early Childhood Week here at St. Joseph School, and we've got a special *Week in Review* that will highlight all things Early Childhood!

One thing we really appreciate about our Early Childhood program is our teachers' willingness to appropriately challenge our students while keeping learning fun and engaging. Students are given the opportunity to build, create and discover – sometimes learning is messy, too!

Students are afforded the opportunity to grow in a safe, caring environment that also provides academic structure. Students are working independently here on different crafts and projects – some, of course, were Halloween themed! We also offer students some opportunities to go “above and beyond”, like the Pre-K student featured here reading a story to her class. We also get parents involved virtually as secret readers – and our remote friends are always a part of the action as well!





Outdoor time was limited this week because of weather, but Early Childhood students are always given the chance to go outside when possible. We've shown you pictures in the past of students enjoying our playground, but here is something a bit more unique: Students in Pre-K A are on a "shape scavenger hunt" while at the same time getting familiar with the St. Joseph Church grounds. It's these creative learning experiences that truly set us apart.



The Early Childhood also benefits from being a part of a larger school community with access to all of our facilities, especially the gym. In Phys. Ed. this week, EC students played Halloween-themed games safely. Our shared spaces and equipment are cleaned between each use – thanks to our PE teacher and custodial staff for making sure everyone remains safe in the gym!



As we mentioned, Halloween was a large part of all that we did this week. Halloween-themed crafts and projects were a big hit! Here are a few examples of what the students were up to!



Their costumes and parade today were also really fun for all!

To end this week's Review, we wanted to share one of the first photos of Mrs. Martello's new twins. We're so happy for her and her family, and we continue to pray for their health and well-being. Hope to see them as St. Joseph Early Childhood students in a couple of years!



Though our Early Childhood Open House week has ended, our conversations with those within our school community and beyond have just begun! Use the link provided here to view our Early Childhood content – you'll also find registration forms for your benefit: <https://st-josephschool.com/celebrate-early-childhood-week-october-26th-2020>

We look forward to the week to come, and we hope to see you soon at St. Joseph School!

Warm Regards,

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