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

This was a four day week at SJS due to the Monday holiday (more on that later) but we still were busy learning and having fun! Our Early Childhood has been making eskimo projects, learning about winter weather and reading wintry stories – all popular activities this time of year! Not only that, but Pre-K A took a very special space



walk this week (I was lucky enough to be there for it myself!). They were equipped with helmets, space rocks and a rocket ship. One of our astronauts was actually in full uniform! It was truly a great experience and just a glimpse of the special, engaging activities we offer in our Early Childhood program.

Our Art program is as strong as it's ever been, and students are given the opportunity each week to complete fun, creative pieces. These works of art are always displayed in our breezeway, but since not many people have been able to visit us this year, I thought it would be fun to show off some of my favorite masterpieces that I found. Very impressive work!



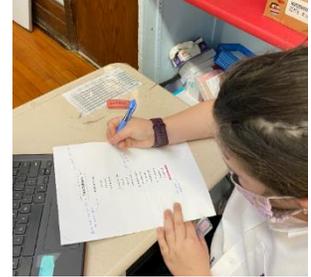
In Tech class, students are learning all about the Google Suite. Classroom, Docs, Meet and Slides are common apps that students are constantly exposed to, but we also focus on apps like Google Earth and Google Drawings so students can build skills across the technology spectrum. These are the winners of our Catholic Schools Week poster contest through Google Drawings – these three posters will be

professionally printed and enlarged to be put on display for CSW!



The second graders completed their study of geography and map skills this week with the reading of the nonfiction story *Me on the Map*. They learned about our planet, continent, country, state, and town they live in. Studying geography is a lost art, but one we still enjoy at SJS!

In ELA, our 6th grade students are studying poetry. They spent time annotating poems by highlighting important images, phrases and words and jotting their thoughts and questions in the margins. As much as we enjoy using technology as a learning tool here at SJS, we also appreciate and spend time putting pen/pencil to paper.



As you know, this past Monday was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Late last week and early this week, students across grade levels took time to learn about this great leader and visionary. We appreciate his



message of equality, peace, unity, compassion and equity, in particular in how it applies to the tenets of our Catholic faith and school Mission. We strive to be role models of these ideals every day at SJS.



A quick reminder that Catholic Schools Week begins on January 31st with the release of a pre-recorded Mass. Stay tuned for all of our events that will take place from February 1st to February 5th. Until then, be safe and God bless!

Warm Regards,

Mr. Brian Colomban
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