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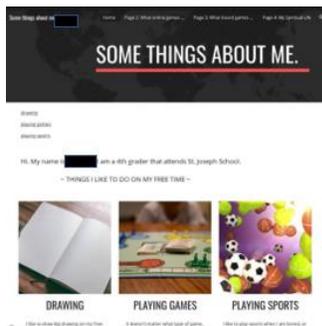
Dear Parents, Guardians, and the St. Joseph School and Parish Community,



We're through our second week in March here at SJS! Amazing how quickly things seem to be moving. The warmer weather this week certainly helped, and all of our classes, from Early Childhood to Middle School, enjoyed well-deserved time out in the sun. Here are some pictures of fun at the playground and during recess.



Nursery and Pre-K, as always, had a variety of fun learning activities in their classrooms. They read stories, built structures and worked on fine-motor-skills; and of course they had to make shamrock and leprechaun crafts in preparation for next week! We appreciate the creativity with which our teachers approach the development of their students' skills.



In tech class, the 4th graders are working on "All About Me" websites through Google Sites. Our students are exposed to all that Google has to offer – Classroom, Docs, Sheets, Earth, Sites, Slides, and more – and we are continuing to focus our program on tech skills that will help them succeed in a 21st century world.



The 3rd, 4th and 5th graders went on a virtual field trip today – all the way to the Moon! A representative from the Cradle of Aviation led students on a journey to the Moon, using software that mirrored a planetarium experience. They



listened to the speaker and interacted with the content, even “revolving” around their desks to mimic the Moon’s path around the Earth. Thanks to our technology set up, we can bring our students anywhere!



Besides field trips, another important event that was adapted to fit specific safety protocols this year was our Middle School Science Fair. Unfortunately, we couldn’t have our normal gathering and showcase in the auditorium, but students still got to go through the process and present their projects to their classmates. We were happy to see so many creative ideas – there are quite a few future scientists in our 6th through 8th grade!



Students also finished up their second round of i-Ready assessments this week. As you recall, i-Ready has taken the place of the IOWAs as a benchmark assessment, taken three times per year online. i-Ready also has a specialized instruction component that teachers can assign in order to further differentiate their instruction. Although there are no pictures, as we did not want to disrupt the students during the assessment, we thought it was important to mention.

We’re looking forward to next week – we have our St. Patrick’s Day celebrations as well as the Feast Day of our patron, St. Joseph!

Warm Regards,

Mr. Brian Colomban
Principal, St. Joseph School