



Dear FAW Families,

This week in Morning Prayer we focused on the account of Esau and Jacob in the Bible. Mrs. Greer had such a creative way of sharing the story of Jacob's ladder (Genesis 28: 10- 22) with the students. She asked the students to share a dream that they have had (many animals coming to life and eating students!), she showed them the Jacob's ladder toy and then shared the Biblical account by displaying a rock, and a ladder while a mysterious voice recited God's words to Jacob. The students were reminded that the ladder represents Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life, and it is through Him that we will come to the Heavenly Father. One way we can show our love for Jesus is through our kind actions.

Bishop Burbidge from the Catholic Diocese of Arlington shared this One Minute Reflection this week. *"Early on most of us learn the Golden Rule: "do unto others as you would have others do unto you". To children the lesson may be as simple as sharing toys, being gracious to friends and parents, and to say "please" and "thank you". As we grow older, the message should be no less important—it should help form our character. Ask yourself: Why criticize when we can offer a compliment? Why insult when we can praise? Why hurt when we can help? May the respect, compassion, and forgiveness we desire to receive be the same gifts we extend to others with whom we live and work, and to all persons, without exception. For if we live by God's Golden Rule, we will be at peace with ourselves and with one another."*

Let us remember these lessons and incorporate them into our daily lives. We can show acts of kindness to each other each and every day. We can also participate in service projects such as The Boxes of Joy campaign and helping those affected by Hurricane Ian. There is also the Walk for the Poor event that takes place next Saturday, October 8! We hope that you plan to participate!

We had some exciting events this week!

First, we celebrated our students who participated in the St. Mary's County Fair last weekend! Many students displayed artwork and other projects! Nathan Raley and Logan Raley received Best in Show awards for their ram and dairy goat animals! Father Andrew White students volunteered and competed in the Speech Contest on Friday, September 23. Anna Tritschler gave a moving speech about students with down syndrome learning in the general education

classroom. Grace Robusto earned 2nd place for her speech about saving lives through organ donations. We're very proud of both girls for representing Father Andrew White!"
Thank you to Mrs. Young for assisting in the preparation of these rising scholars!

The first graders celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day! They sorted apples by color, learned the parts of an apple, did fraction activities, used the apple to describe the Holy Trinity and learned about folktales. The first graders even made their own applesauce for a treat. The first grade mascot is a hedgehog this year and Mrs. Cacko brought in a live hedgehog for the students to observe!

We enjoyed a *Share the Road Truck* Event. Did you know that semi trucks get 8/miles per gallon mileage, it costs \$2000 to fill up a semi and the truck with a full load weighs approximately 80,000 lbs? That is the weight of eight elephants! These are a few of the fun facts that our students learned on Tuesday at our Touch a Truck event. The younger students enjoyed sitting in the cab and seeing where the driver sleeps/watches TV and the older students enjoyed learning about the trucking industry. They learned that there are many logistics and job opportunities such as engineering, mechanical support, accounting, and scheduling involved in the transportation industry. Thank you to Mrs. Robusto who initiated contact with the American Truckers Association for this fun learning event.

Ms. Etter began band instruction this week and we are excited to see the progress the students make!

Ms. Johnson showed the PK students how to make the numerals 1, 2, 3 with playdough. The students practiced their new writing skills and circling groups of threes, twos and ones!

There were many fun activities with Spanish! The eighth grade students counted M&M's and then learned how to multiply and add in Spanish. They reinforced their knowledge of color vocabulary and then numerals in this activity. The kindergarten students tried to play Animal BINGO in Spanish! Second graders focused on learning colors. They were able to produce the correct color from their pile of crayons when the color was spoken in Spanish. They also learned how to greet others using a morning, afternoon and then evening greeting.

The Middle School Students had their first Middle School Activity! They enjoyed playing basketball, selling candy and chips and just hanging out in the gym.

Lastly, the HSA hosted a wonderful Crusaders Cup golf tournament at Breton Bay. Everyone was ready for a fun filled event and despite the overcast weather, were happy to be enjoying the fun, friendship and joining together to support Catholic education at Father Andrew White! We appreciate all of the many sponsors and the great team of Mrs. Bailey who worked so hard to ensure this event was successful. We look forward to many fun learning experiences next week as grades PK - 3 have field trips.

Have a wonderful weekend. Stay safe and pray for those affected by Hurricane Ian. May we be the hands and feet of Jesus as we reach out to assist those in need.

God Bless You!
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