

FAW Friday News
September 16, 2022



Dear Father Andrew White Families,

I hope that you had a wonderful week! Thank you for your continued support and helping your children as they participated in the NWEA MAP Growth Assessment. They were rested and able to complete their tests in Math and Language Usage this week. In fact, Father Andrew White received accolades from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington this week for being the # 1 school that had completed the most testing sessions out of all ADW schools! A big shout out goes to Mrs. Linda Greer, our technology teacher and her team of Mrs. Cacko and Ms. Johnson who assisted. We also congratulate our teachers who worked diligently to learn how to administer this new test so that students could be successful.

Our Morning Prayer was led by Mrs. Stewart this week. She shared the Biblical accounts of Cain and Abel and Noah and the Ark. She focused on how we should each offer our best to God every day, just as Abel did. The students shared ways that they could offer God their best. Then she discussed obedience to God, just as Noah was obedient to build the ark even though there had not been rain on the earth, and there were no bodies of water close by! May we all follow in the footsteps of the early accounts of the Bible by practicing obedience to God and always giving Him our best; not our leftover time, talents or treasures. Give God the best part of yourself this weekend by going to Mass with your children! He does so much for us; we can certainly offer Him one hour of our time to say thank you for His love and care!

There was a lot of collaborative learning that I observed in the classrooms this week! Middle School students collaborated on writing skills, interactive notebooks in Social Studies and determining correct usage of Spanish verbs and tenses. Students that spoke in English were adorned with clothespins and had to practice Spanish in order to remove them! Second graders

and fifth graders worked together on their field trips to Sotterley and Science students created models of the solar system using salt ceramic, completing their experiments together outside. Third graders worked together in the Science Lab with Mrs. Sarlo by examining the characteristics of leaves and how nutrients were distributed within the plant. One student who was thoroughly enjoying the discoveries, remarked that this was her very favorite class of all!

Middle School Elective students worked together on STEM Discussions about solar, wind and hydroelectric energy and on creation of Zentangles for Art. The handbell elective students learned the proper technique for creating sound with the handbells, and then performed beautiful music by sight reading and increasing the tempo of their songs! It took every student doing their part and working together to create one coherent piece of music. Beekeeping elective students tried on a real beekeeper's outfit and discussed how to ensure safety when working with bees. The Primary students were overheard encouraging each other on the playground! All in all, there were many wonderful moments of students working together to achieve a common goal!

We look forward to celebrating Grandparents Day next week and completing our NWEA MAP Growth Testing. Thank you for your continued support, as we all work together to achieve the common goal of increasing our student's knowledge, growing their character and teaching them to reach out in service and love to others.

Have a blessed weekend.

Sincerely,
Janet Szoch
Principal