



"If you please, my Lord, send someone else!" Exodus 4: 13

Good Afternoon Father Andrew White Families!

We've had a wonderfully busy week at Father Andrew White! This week in Morning Prayer, Mrs. Hinkle taught us about Moses complete with a representation of the Nile River, Baby Moses in his basket, a reenactment of Moses and the burning bush and even the staff that turned into a snake! Mrs. Hinkle helped the students realize that there are many times that we are asked to do something that may be difficult or we do not want to do that task. Her students recalled that it is important to have a Growth Mindset, and rather than say that we can't do something, to attempt to try! We have many skills that we do not realize and we only grow by trying new things, especially those that may be difficult. We talked about how many times Moses argued with God to send someone else to rescue the Israelites, yet God had a special plan for Moses and had prepared him through his life experiences. God has a special plan for each of us, including you and I and the students. We should always try our best, try to learn from our mistakes and keep challenging ourselves! We need to ask God to reveal His plan for us and to always do everything for His greater glory! *"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord—plans for your welfare and not your woe, so as to give you a future full of hope. When you look for me, you will find me. Yes, when you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me"* (Jeremiah 29: 11-14)

The students in the Beekeeping Elective learned that there are approximately 60,000 bees in a hive! They observed real life beekeepers with suits, performing an inspection of a hive. The students also saw pupae, the queen, a bee that was hatching, bees using their proboscis to drink water, honey, wax and pollen in the hive. What a fascinating opportunity! If you have more questions, Mrs. Vicki Rutherford, our kitchen manager, has bees on her property and will be happy to answer!

The Leonardtown Fire Department came to visit students in grades PK - 3. They spoke with the children about fire safety, what the smoke detector does, to establish a family meeting place, when to call 911, and showed the students what the firefighter looks like when they are in their uniform! Each student had the opportunity to climb aboard the fire truck and get a close look at the inside of the truck! The Fire Department gave each student a fire hat and a bag with some additional information!

First and second grade students visited the Pumpkin Farm this week! They fed the farm animals, explored the corn maze, played in the corn houses and went on a hayride! They even sampled apple cider and remembered the difference between apple cider and apple juice from Apple Day! First graders will use their pumpkins to do activities on Pumpkin Day, October 24!

Fifth graders practiced fractions with math manipulatives. They also had an opportunity to visit the Flight Simulation Lab at St. Mary's Ryken! Fourth grade students created X-rays of their hands and displayed them on their classroom windows! Take a look at how complete and detailed they are! They also wrote persuasive writing pieces trying to convince others to try the candy that they invented. After reading them, I was ready to try quite a few samples!! Third grade students enjoyed Daily Five activities during Literature time. Each student was engaged in their own activity; either with the teacher during a reading group, reading independently, writing a story, or practicing spelling words with magnetic letters or playdough! They also practiced their map skills by doing a Walking Tour of Leonardtown! They visited the jail museum in the heart of Leonardtown. Many of the parents learned something new as well!

The *Show Some Love* sale was a big success! Thank you to Mrs. Greer and Mrs. Richardson who spearheaded the effort! The week ended enthusiastically with classroom games provided by the teachers! PK students enjoyed a game of *Duck, Duck, Goose*, even placing myself in the stew pot!! Many students also brought home *Boxes of Joy* to be filled. Thank you for their enthusiasm and please remember to return the filled boxes to the school office. They will certainly be appreciated by a less fortunate child!

Eighth graders worked on their Newton scooter projects and many participated in the Shadow Day at St. Mary's Ryken High School. Seventh grade students wrote about their most treasured possession and learned about Hammurabi's Code. Sixth graders did activities on Indigenous People's Day and completed their "*One-pagers*" in Science class which was about systems of the earth. The students had many creative methods of expressing their knowledge.

Next week we attend our retreat at Camp Maria! We are looking forward to discovering more ways that *God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path!* (Psalm 119:105)

God Bless You!
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