



*“Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and **the ark of His covenant** could be seen...**a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet...she was with child...**” Rev. 11:19, 12:1-2”*

Good Afternoon, Father Andrew White Families!

How good it is to be alive! How blessed we are for all that God has done for us! How blessed we are to celebrate our school community!

Have you heard of typology? Perhaps you have heard of St. Augustine and his quote that “*The New Testament is concealed in the Old and the Old Testament is revealed and fulfilled in the New.*” We see this fulfillment in Jesus and also in others such as Mary, the Blessed Mother! She is the New Eve, who undoes the curse of Eve from the book of Genesis. Whereas the Eve in Genesis says no to God, and brings about death and the banning of humans from the garden of Eden, the new Eve (Mary) and her fiat (yes to God), brings about life and the ability to live with God forever in Paradise! Mary is prefigured through the Ark of the Covenant. Whereas the Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament contains the manna, the Ten Commandments and the priestly rod of Aaron, Mary, who is the Ark of the New Covenant, carries within her womb Jesus, who is the Bread of Life, the Word of God and our High Priest.

We enjoyed lots of learning activities this week! First grade celebrated pumpkin day by reading pumpkin stories, learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin and baking pumpkin bread! They also used real pennies to count on a hundreds chart and do Math problems!

Fourth graders went on their ELMS field trip and caught fish and crabs, tested the salinity of the bay and created landforms and their own watershed by using things from nature. They learned about erosion and the importance of keeping the bay clean. PK - 2 classes had a visit from Lt. Rossignol and learned about pedestrian safety and saw a real police car!

Eighth grade students shared their Newton scooters with each other this week! The challenge was to create a self-propelled scooter that would travel 1.5 meters. If the scooter could hold an egg and still go the distance, they received a higher grade! It was fun to watch the different designs that were created. One had wheels designed out of CD's and a double spring attached to the rear of their scooter. Another used a propeller and rubber band design and a third used yo-yo's to create the force needed to move the scooter!

Through a partnership with the US Navy, FAW students had an opportunity to interact with astronauts on the International Space Station!

Our students impressed us in Morning Prayer by being able to recall all of the Ten Commandments! They also discussed how the Israelites were given specific commands about worshipping God. There were many that pertained to the Ark of the Covenant. Therefore, Mrs. Rowland applied that biblical principle to how we are to properly worship in Church today. The seventh grade students performed an awesome skit with how NOT to worship and Mrs. Rowland led a discussion about reverence in church! Take your student to church this weekend so they can show you all of the things that they learned!

Please remember to support the Book Fair this week! The students in fifth grade have been sharing many books with me to read! It is a fun way to connect with the students. I'm sure you will enjoy doing the same to encourage more reading!

We are so proud of our students for donating over 60 *Boxes of Joy* for the Knights of Columbus program to help underprivileged children. We are also collecting items for the St. Aloysius Food Pantry and Stockings for Soldiers this week! Please support these worthy causes. As always, we appreciate your generosity towards those in need.

God Bless You!

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