

FAW Friday News
October 7, 2022



Dear Father Andrew White Families,

Who doesn't love the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi? "*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon...*" The students learned all about St. Francis from Mrs. Gavin during Morning Prayer! His feast day was October 4. We learned that his life changed dramatically from a life of ease and wealth when he responded to the Word of God, decided to sell all that he had and give to the poor. St. Francis had a special connection with nature and animals, started the first live Nativity, and even had the stigmata, the wounds of Jesus in his own flesh. We also learned about St. Albert the Great who studied nature and was one of the first people named to be a scientist. St. Albert said that his studies led him closer to God, and we should always make our aim of study to be God Himself, who is the truth.

Father David blessed the animals of fourth grade students (he blessed the photographs, not the live animals!!) and first graders read all about pets during their Literature time this week. They read stories about *Cool Dog* and *School Dog*, a dog that gets loose in school. They learned about Real stories vs. Fantasy and did an informational writing piece about an animal they knew about. Second graders wrote stories about inventions they would like to make, including a chip machine that would toss chips into your mouth so that you wouldn't even have to get up from your chair!

Thursday, October 6 was *Bring Your Bible to School Day!* The second through fifth graders used their Bibles to do a scavenger hunt, including finding the many types of insects that are written about in the Bible! PreKindergarten Students and Kindergarten students took a trip to the Pumpkin Farm and were so proud of the pumpkins they brought back and their attempts to

navigate the corn maze! PK students learned about the letter "d", did the Dinosaur march and dug for dinosaurs during center time! Sixth grade continued their study of geography and the earth and seventh graders worked on learning more about cells. The students are working diligently on building their EV3 robots!

Father Andrew White continues their great legacy of service to others! This week many students brought in their *Boxes of Joy* for underprivileged children in Central America. They are participating in a *Show Some Love* sale in order to raise money to purchase an AED in awareness of Sudden Cardiac Events and in honor of Mr. Farasy, a Father Andrew White parent. We will then begin collecting donations for *Stockings for Soldiers*, to give cheer to deployed troops during Christmas, and lastly will collect items for our own St. Aloysius food pantry in November. Many of our students and teachers will participate in the *Walk for the Poor* this weekend, to raise money for those in need within our own community. We are so proud of our students and community who continue to put their faith into action in so many ways!

It was beautiful to hear the students pray the prayer of St. Francis this week. Please take some time to pray this prayer with your child this weekend!

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Have a blessed weekend and we look forward to another great week at Father Andrew White School!

Sincerely,

Janet Szoch

Principal