

FAW News
September 1, 2023



Dear Father Andrew White Families,

It has been wonderful to get back into the routine of our school day! Work is a blessing as it gives us a sense of purpose and allows us to accomplish what God has planned for us. We at Father Andrew White School take pride in working together to educate our children and instill Christian virtues so that our students become people of service and future leaders for our world! Thank you for allowing us that privilege. We look forward to working with you this school year!

Some fun things that students participated in this week were:

Second graders, while studying the life cycle of a plant, now have carrot seeds in a large container in their classroom. They are learning to care for their plant as they study the characteristics of living things! We look forward to seeing their harvest!

Kindergarten students invited mystery readers to their classroom to read a story! They receive clues about who is coming and try to guess the person before they arrive! I had fun being the mystery guest this week!

Middle school students began electives and then had a Mix it up lunch on Wednesday. They sat with students from their electives class which included 6th - 8th graders, expanding their social skills and friends! New to our elective choices this year is a Chess Elective which Fr. David is offering!

Middle schoolers interviewed each other in their Writing class and learned all about editing. Their final copy was completed after three edits! Seventh graders enjoyed the seventh day of seventh grade! They each left school with a bag of special treats, compliments of Mrs. Downey!

Fourth grade Math students reviewed subtraction and borrowing, complete with manipulatives and bundles of ten. They also learned about motion, force, acceleration, velocity and different kinds of energy in Science class!

Fifth graders read about Teddy Roosevelt and how he camped in Yosemite National Park with the giant sequoia trees and naturalist David Muir. It was that experience that encouraged him to work on legislation to preserve our natural resources and parks! The students also learned how language changes when they realized that the word "bully" used to mean awesome or great!

We look forward to inviting our PK students to school on Tuesday, September 5. Please be aware that the youngest of our students will be exiting vehicles on that day. We are fortunate to have our Safety Patrol who will take a leadership role and assist these children!

We kindly ask that if you have not returned your Family Survey Sheet (printed on green paper) that you send it in with your child(ren) by Tuesday, September 5. Thank you so much!

Enjoy your long weekend and remember to go to Mass! We thank God for the work He has given us and that we have the abilities and talents to accomplish these tasks! We pray for all those affected by Hurricane Idalia.

Sincerely,
Janet Szoch
Principal