



At Saint Jerome School, these are some of the ways we lived our Mission this week...November 18, 2011

Academic excellence

Grade 1 invited me in to watch a new lesson this week which showed academic excellence on two levels, teacher and students!

First, Mrs. Santry tried a new lesson incorporating John Collins writing skills into a Math lesson. Part of the Collins program is to bring writing into all subject areas and Mrs. Santry developed a Math lesson that included a challenge to be solved, orally shared a story (Clickity, Clack, Moo) to set the stage and then had the first graders solve the problem of how many boots and hats the farmer would need for his cows and ducks based on drawing and writing. They worked in pairs for part of the lesson and alone for part strengthening lots of skills. She and Mrs. King worked the crowd until everyone had solved the mystery using strong Math skills! Great job to all!

Grades 7 and 8 have joined the ranks of Senteos users! Ms. Rubera reports an increased interest in test taking and promises to offer them more often!!! The response devices used in conjunction with our SMART boards will soon be used in all classrooms for practice, test taking and review. A special thanks to the Class of 2009 for their class gift which made the purchase of these devices possible. They wanted to leave a gift that was out-of-the-ordinary and, with the guidance of the Technology Committee, they have succeeded!

K-1 and K-2 both WOWED me this week with their knowledge of the Pilgrims and connected events. Hearing a 4-year-old use the word cornucopia and a 5-year-old talk about Squanto helping the Pilgrims learn to farm is amazing!

The presidents' quizzes continue in Grades 7 and 8. I see a Senteos quiz in your future so listen carefully.

Grade 3 is working hard on their poetry journals, another form of Collins writing, and their leaf descriptions this week were reflective and creative (and nicely colored!)

Grade 2, 4 and 6... thank you for sharing your Math papers with me this week. I am proud of the effort I see on so many papers. Effort is always the most important tool you bring to school so keep up the good work!



Faith at the center of what we do

How we live is our faith made visible. Thank you to Abby McCulloch who won an impressive basket of toys at the craft fair and donated it so that children who wouldn't normally have such a treat could enjoy the contents. Proud of you, Abby!

Bulletin boards and displays are popping up around the building with the message of Thanksgiving... be grateful! Nice job to K-2 for their festive message, Grade 2 for their "Thanks, God" writings and to Grade 5 for the nice job on your I'm Thankful For..." bulletin board. It is a message we should all carry forward so that we live with an attitude of gratitude!

Our prayers for Charlotte Kelly are truly appreciated. I spoke with Charlotte's aunt this week and she couldn't say enough about how much it has meant to Charlotte and her family to know that we continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers daily. I promised her I would thank you all and so I thank you for your generous hearts and hopeful spirit.

Community through service

Thank you, thank you to Mr. Marchione, Mrs. Clogston and the ELF crew for their efforts to bring about our Waste Free Day today. Understanding is the key to success and they have all helped us to understand much better the benefits and consequences of our recycling choices. Let's hope for a very successful day!

I hope you all had the chance to see the Weymouth News this week as it had several colored photos from our Veterans Day Celebration. We have received so many compliments from people who were there and comments from people who heard about it and wished that they had been there and I want to comment again on the beautiful job you all did to show our veterans how much we appreciate all they've done for us and our beautiful country.

Thank you to Jenna Moloney and Maria Marchione and to the cast of Annie for sharing your musical talent with us this weekend. It will be a special treat for us and for the customers at Barnes and Noble who happen by.

My shout out for service today goes out to your teachers for their generous gift of their time this weekend at our Book Fair at Barnes and Noble. They have prepared lots of fun, reading crafting and supporting our efforts to raise funds for our school. I hope you will enjoy all that they have in store at the store!



Community through service, continued

We give a special thanks to all the parents who work so tirelessly giving service for our school. This week alone we had parents working the Craft Fair, helping out in the lunch room, attending a Parent Council meeting, planning the Christmas Crafts event, supporting our Papa Gino's Night, delivering pies, coaching teams, helping with robotics and so much more. Their example speaks volumes!

“Delight in the small things as they are the cause of a glad heart!”

Hope to see you all at Barnes and Noble either today or Saturday!

God bless!
Mrs. Puleo