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Dear Parents/ Guardians,



What a beautiful fall we have had at St. Joseph the Worker School. Welcome to our new students, staff and families. I am sure that our returning community members have made you feel right at home.

I especially love the fall because Mr. Jones and I can coach the schools running club. Congratulations to all who ventured out every Tuesday and Thursday morning for a brisk run with their peers. This was the first year that some of our older students entered into a cross country race at Crescent View Park and it was heartwarming to see all of the students who competed. This was the first race of its kind for all of the school's participants and hearing the nervous conversations before the race reminded me of our natural instincts to fear the unknown. "How will I know where to go?", "Can I really finish this race?", "How well will I place?", "Are the other runners faster than me"? and yet despite the jitters, or maybe because of them, our students accomplished their goals of participating: some students medaled, and our grade 4 runner came in first place!

The questions above reminded me of how normal, everyday situations can make our young students feel. The world is such a fascinating and thrilling and sometimes scary place for all kinds of reasons, and our teachers and staff at the school are sensitive to and so skilled at guiding our children through these new experiences. I see the excitement on the faces of our students when a science experiment is done in class, or a new understanding in math is achieved or a new artistic technique is displayed. Our community is truly blessed to have such caring, knowledgeable staff.

I am so looking forward to continuing the journey of this year and all the adventures it will bring.

God Bless,

*Nathan Polakoff*



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**Where faith and education come together**

Fall 2022

# PRE-KINDERGARTEN CORNER



IN PRE-K, WE LEARNED ABOUT THE MANY CHANGES THAT HAPPEN DURING OUR FALL SEASON. WE CREATED A FALL TREE IN FALL COLOURS USING CRAB APPLES AS STAMPS.

WE ALSO WORKED ON OUR FINE MOTOR SKILLS WHEN MAKING CRAFTS TO DECORATE OUR CLASS FOR HALLOWEEN.

OUR PRE-K STUDENTS HAVE STARTED TO WORK ON COLOURS, SHAPES, AND THE ALPHABET USING THEIR WORKBOOKS (MY FIRST SCHOOL BOOK), BINGO GAMES, AND TRACING BOOKLETS.

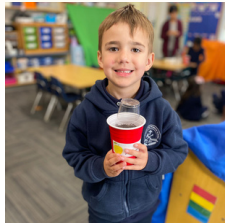
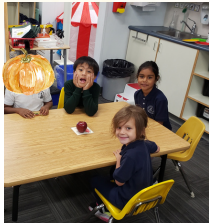
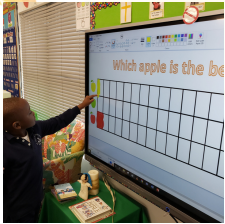




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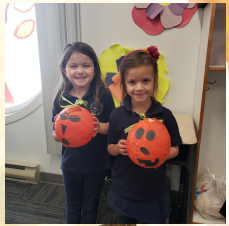
## APPLES

USING THEIR FIVE SENSES, THE STUDENTS EXPLORED THREE KINDS OF APPLES AND VOTED FOR THEIR FAVORITE. THEY ALSO PLANTED THE SEEDS FROM EACH KIND.



## PUMPKIN PATCH

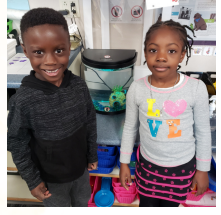
THE STUDENTS CREATED THEIR OWN PAPER MACHE PUMPKINS TO ADD TO THE CLASS PUMPKIN PATCH. THEY PICKED THEIR PUMPKINS AND MADE JACK-O-LANTERNS. THIS ACTIVITY IS A SENSORY-TACTILE EXPERIENCE AS THEY HAD TO WORK WITH GLUE AND WATER MIXTURE TO COMPLETE THE ACTIVITY. THEY ALSO LEARNED DIFFERENT KINDS OF EMOTIONS AND SHAPES.



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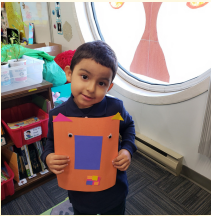
## CLASS PET

THE CLASS WELCOMED TACO AS WE LEARNED ABOUT GOD'S WONDERFUL CREATION AND HOW TO TAKE CARE OF IT.



## MONSTER MASH

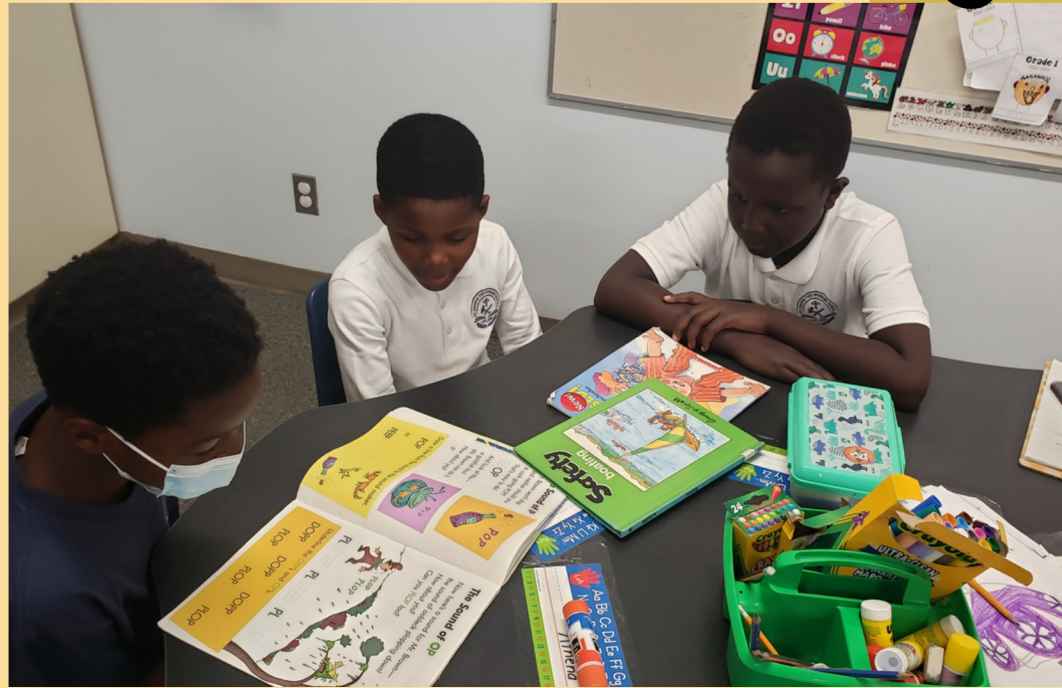
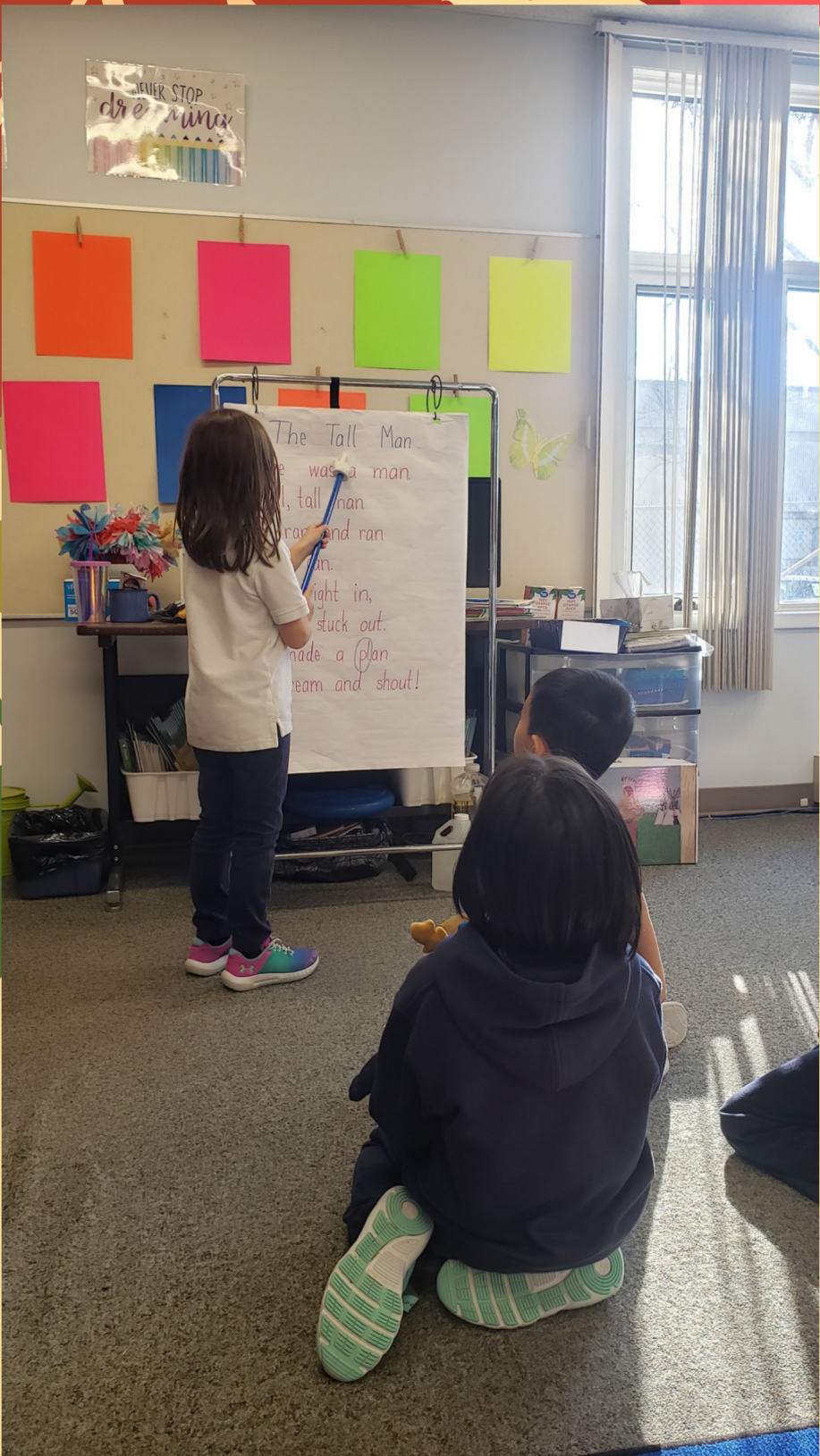
MS. MARCY VISITED THE CLASS AND TAUGHT THEM HOW TO MAKE THEIR UNIQUE FUNNY MONSTERS. THIS PROCESS ART ALLOWED THEM TO DISCOVER SHAPES AND NUMBERS. IT ALSO ALLOWED THEM TO MAKE DECISIONS ON HOW THEY WANT THEIR MONSTERS TO LOOK LIKE.





# Grade 1

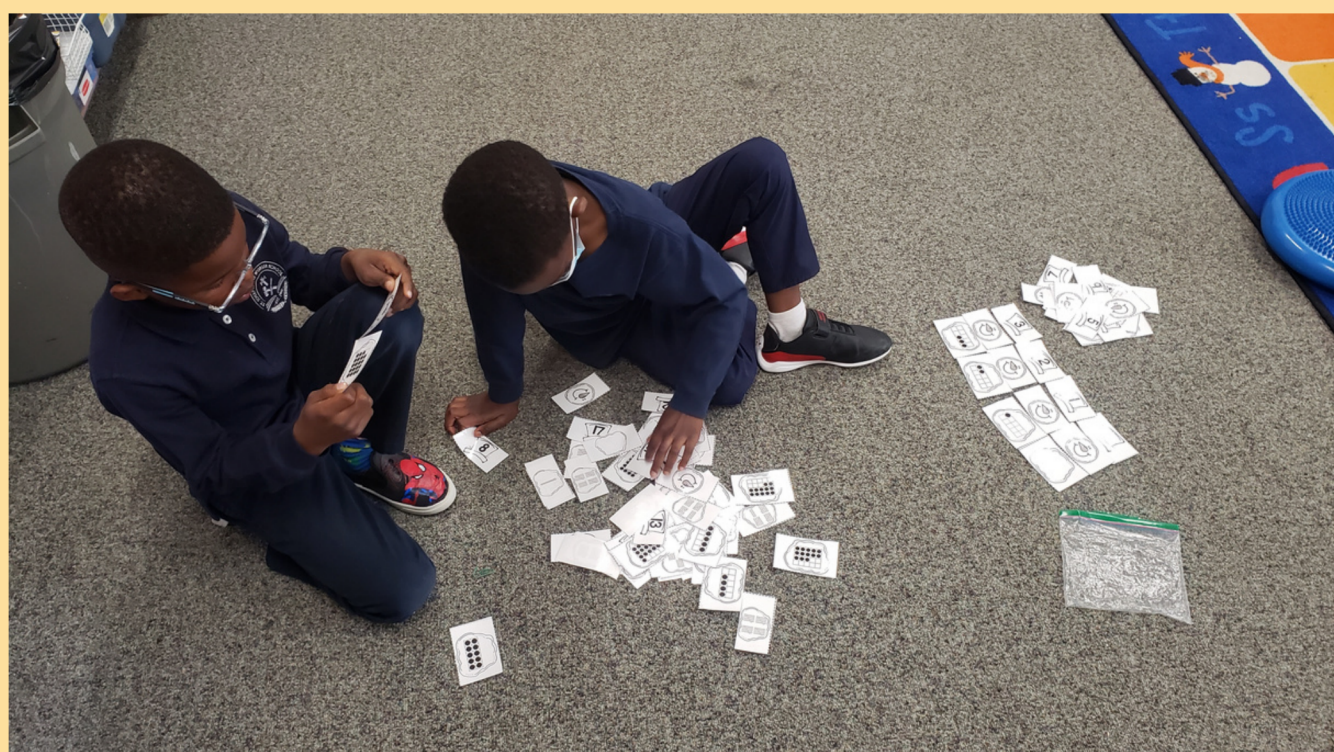
Reading with our grade 4 buddies.



In ELA we are working on sight word recognition and journal writing.



In science we are talking about our 5 senses and investigating pumpkins.



In math we are working on building number sense through games and number searches.



Halloween paper art.



# Grade 2!

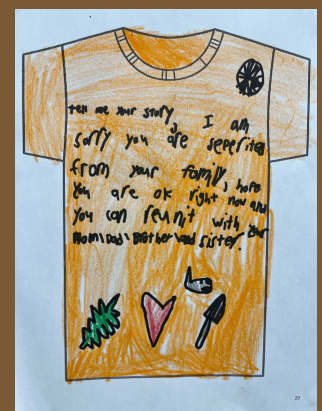
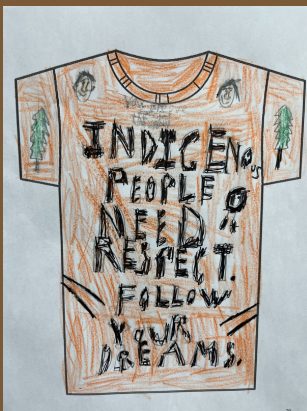
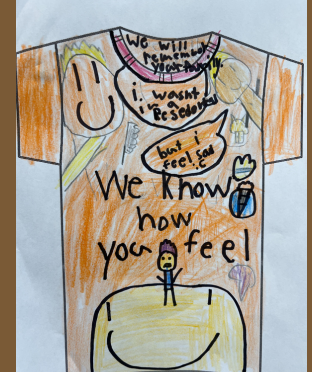
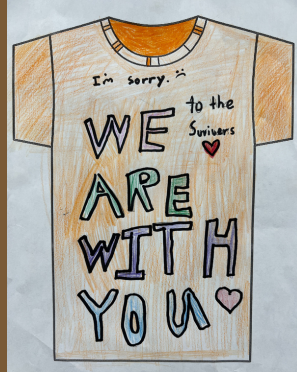
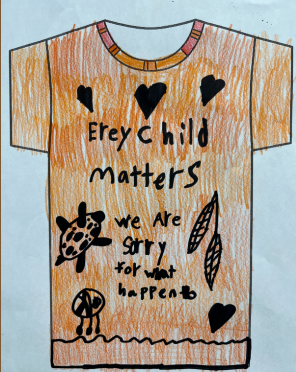


**Grade 2 has been busy at work!** In science they are investigating the effects of moving air. In math they are having fun working with partners to find number patterns and using estimation to figure out the number of seeds in our pumpkins. We have amazing little artists in our class who put in extra details to personalize their creations. Grade 2 students are building positive friendships through book buddy reading with the grade 5 class.



# GRADE 3

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## NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

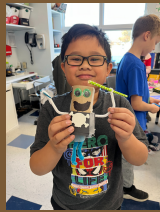
This September, we talked about the Orange Shirt Day and what it symbolizes. We read the book *When We Were Alone* by David A. Robertson which helped us reflect on the impact of residential schools to the children who were sent there. We designed orange shirt posters filled with messages of love and support to the victims of residential schools.





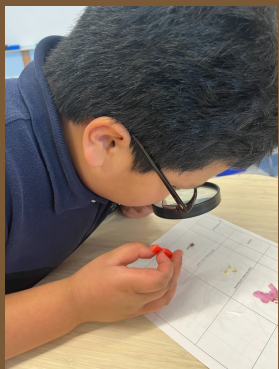
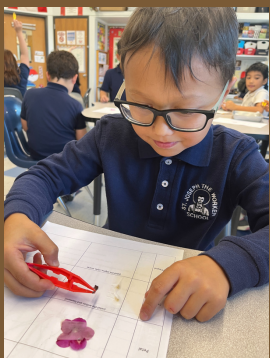
# OPEN ART CLASS

Given random art materials, the grade 3 students creatively constructed their own Halloween crafts. Some designs include mummies, skeletons, pumpkins and ghosts. It was "boo-tiful"!



# FLOWER DISSECTION

This October, the students looked into the flowers of African violets. They used tweezers to separate sepals from petals and stamen from pistil. They used a magnifying glass to look closer to the parts. They taped the samples on their paper and labeled every part.





# Fall in Grade Four

The first 2 months of school in grade 4 were wonderful! Here's a tiny glimpse into classroom life...



Reflecting on Orange Shirt Day & making ball acrylic paintings...







*Reviewing math skills, enjoying the community we've built... and so much more!*

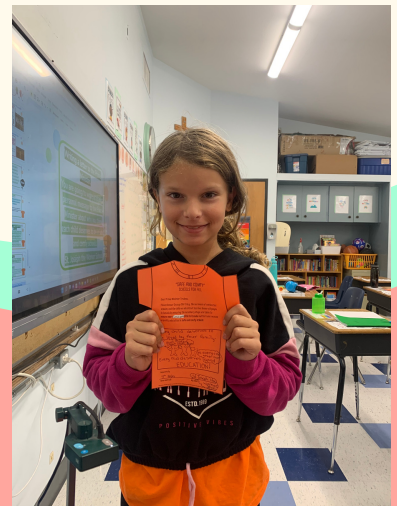
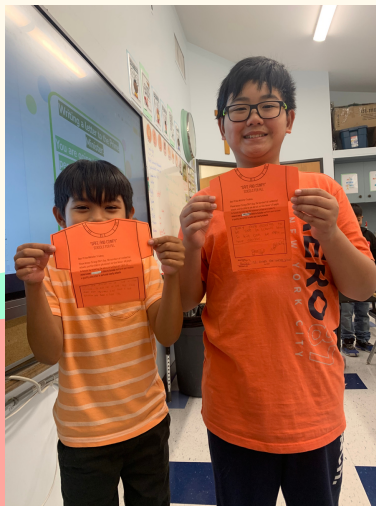
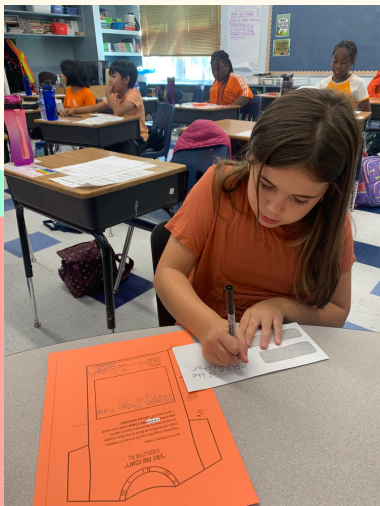
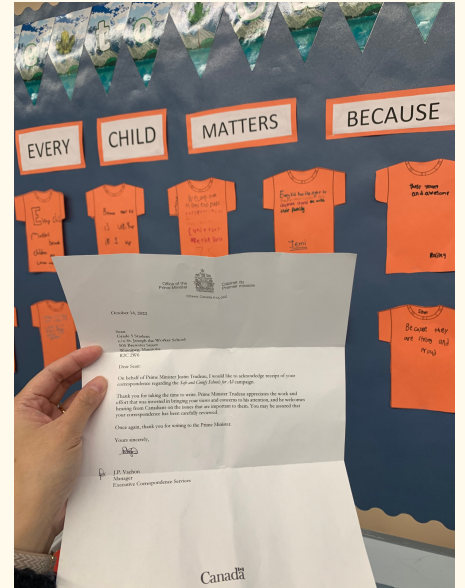




LETTER TO THE PRIME  
MINISTER

# ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Grade 5's participated during Orange Shirt Day by writing and mailing a letter to the Prime Minister about why every child should be safe and comfortable at school. A couple weeks later, we received a response from his office commending the letters they have received from us. The exercise allowed the students to understand the importance of expressing their voice and that each of their opinion matters.



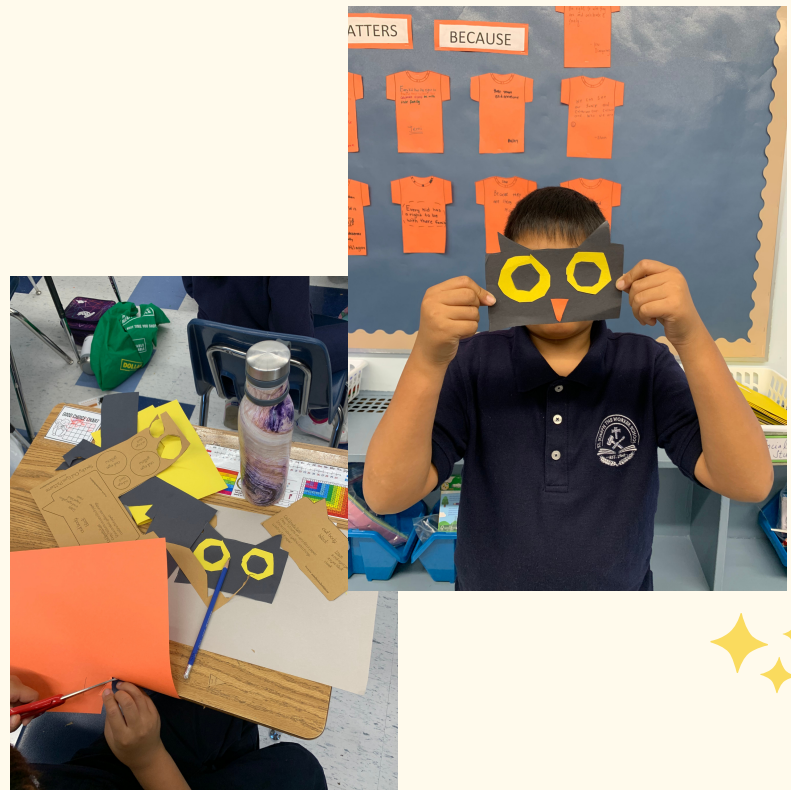


## OCTOBER CHALLENGE!

To commemorate the month of the Holy Rosary, Grade 5 students are participating in an Act of Kindness challenge which are represented by the rosary beads. As of October 26, we have done 42 different acts, which leads us to 18 acts left to reach our goal of 60 at the end of the month.

## SPOOKY EYES ART

In celebration of Halloween this year, the Grade 5 students chose between a cat, bat, monster or an owl for their spooky eye craft. Afterwards, each one of them wrote a short story involving the character that they have picked. We had tons of fun and laughter hearing each other's stories.



## SCOOOOOOT!

To make Math learning fun, the Grade 5's participated in a Halloween Scoot Activity where they had a partner to solve mysteries involving the order of the operations! They had 12 stations to rotate around the classroom and they were given 3 minutes to tackle each problem together.





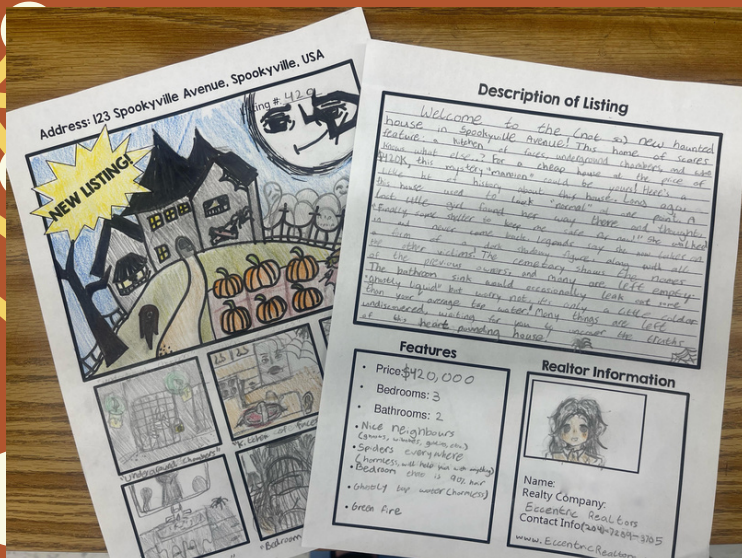
# Grade 6 Fall Highlights



Does air take up space?  
We did a science experiment to find out!



We started reading buddies with our Pre-K friends!



The students showcased their persuasive writing skills by pretending to be real estate agents! They had to design and "sell" a haunted house!



# Music News

Mrs Jackson, PK-6  
Fall 2022



## Mrs Jackson's news.

Hello everyone, what a fantastic start to our new school year!

We have been getting to know each other over the past two months, and I am truly excited to teach your children! Please continue reading to learn about some of the activities students are participating in during music classes this fall.

In music we sing, make rhythms, create patterns, listen to music and play instruments. All classrooms have had the opportunity to play many of the instruments in the school. We have been focusing on rotating through instruments during a song, in a variety of activities so everyone gets a chance to play something different regularly.

What strikes me most, is how much our students like to sing! Hearing them sing together proudly during class, and in school mass inspires me to do more with them!

## Upcoming Events

Nov 10th - Choir at Remembrance Day Assembly

Dec 13th - Christmas Concert - all students



## Choir

Grade 4/5/6 voluntary choir began October 18th, with an eye on our first school performance at the Remembrance Day assembly. After our first two rehearsals, we are coming together as a group. We elected to move a combined girls and boys choir, however, I am happy to say that we have a nice balance of boys and girls. We will continue our rehearsals in the chapel on Day 2 in period 5! Thanks to all the teachers, parish and school administration for your support!

Things you'll  
only hear in  
music!

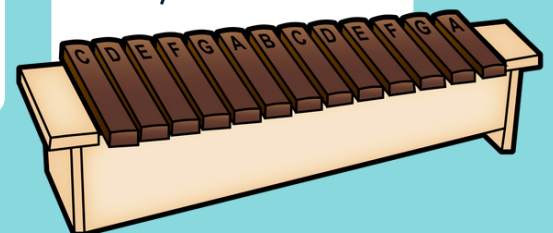
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scoot your bootie

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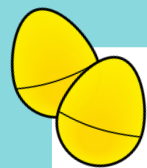
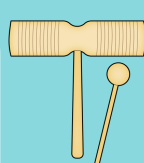
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# Classroom Activities



## PreK and K

Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are having fun learning to be a musician, and a good friend while dancing, playing instruments and singing with actions.



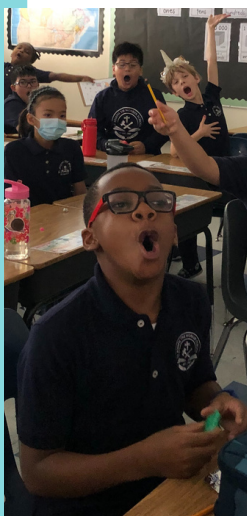
## Woods Metals Shakers Skins! ... and xylophones in Gr 1,2,3 & 5

Classes in grades 1, 2, 3 and 5 have been making music on all the non-pitched percussion instruments, while others have had the opportunity to play the barred Orff instruments and non-pitched percussion.



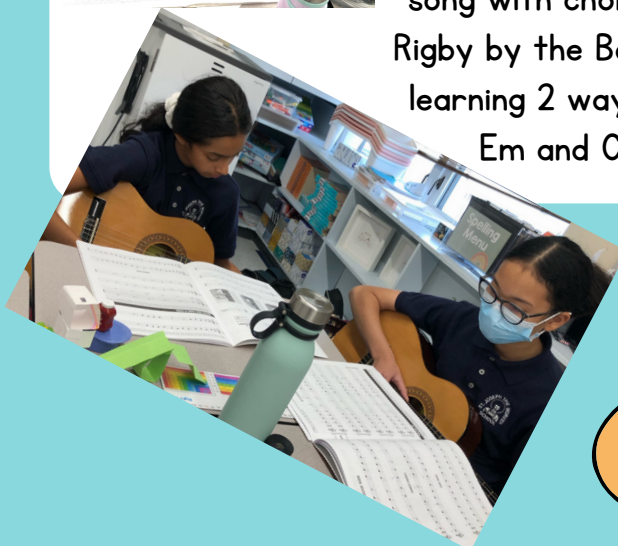
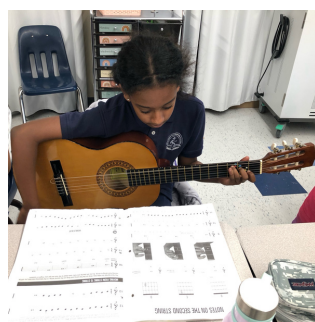
## Singing in Gr 4

Grade 4 students are cultivating their ability to sing independently in an ensemble singing their own parts during a canon, and are quite pleased with themselves. They will begin their rotation on the percussion instruments on Oct 31st.



## Guitar in Gr 6

The grade 6's spent the beginning part of the year preparing to read standard music notation, and are now in the beginning stages of learning guitar! Our first song with chords is Eleanor Rigby by the Beatles. We are learning 2 ways to play the Em and C chords.



# PHYS ED TODAY



October has been an exciting month for physical activity at St. Joes! We have been blessed with two exceptional guest coaches from Golf Manitoba and from Rugby Manitoba! Coach Gord from Rugby Manitoba came in to run an hour long session of flag rugby with our grade 5s and 6s who had a blast. He will return in the spring and help prepare our students for a potential flag rugby tournament.





# PHYS-ED TODAY



Once again Golf Manitoba did a fantastic job with our grade 2 to grade 6 classes, spending the day with us demonstrating the new First Tee program that we hope to implement in the school in the future. Smiles were had by all students and staff involved.

November sees the start of our St. Joes Golf Academy with Coach Stephen Read returning to be our head coach. If you are interested and have yet to show interest, please email Mr. Jones at [sjtwpe@gmail.com](mailto:sjtwpe@gmail.com).

