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October 31, 2023

Dear St. Joseph the Worker School Community,

As the leaves began to change and the air took on a chilly turn this month, I began to see our new school year come alive with such energy and enthusiasm from all our students and staff.

Personally, this school year is quite different for me. In March my family grew and we welcomed baby Thomas into our lives. It's been some time since I've had a baby in my life and it's been so delightful to see how much he has grown and changed these last 7 months. Too often as educators, we forget how our students were infants themselves not too long ago. Every sign of growth and every milestone our students have achieved are opportunities to celebrate.

I enjoy watching Thomas when he attempts to do something new (roll over, sit by himself, crawl, etc.). The automatic response from me is to come to his aid and move his leg, or change the position of his arm..... I need to stop myself, because he won't learn if I am always there to do things for him. Our students are exactly the same. Our responsibility as educators and parents is to give our students/children the tools and the safe space and the time that they need to be successful themselves. I have already seen so much learning and so many exciting things happening in our classrooms this year.

I look forward with great anticipation to the rest of this school year, knowing that I will continue to be amazed and delighted with all the new things our students will learn.

Sincerely,

Nathan Polakoff

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Principal

St. Joseph the Worker School

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FALL 2023 PRE-KINDERGARTEN CORNER



We have had a busy first two months in Pre- K. In September, we talked about the Orange Shirt Day and what it symbolizes. During their music class, they learned a song about canoes from the Indigenous community called “Wishita”.



FALL 2023 PRE-KINDERGARTEN CORNER

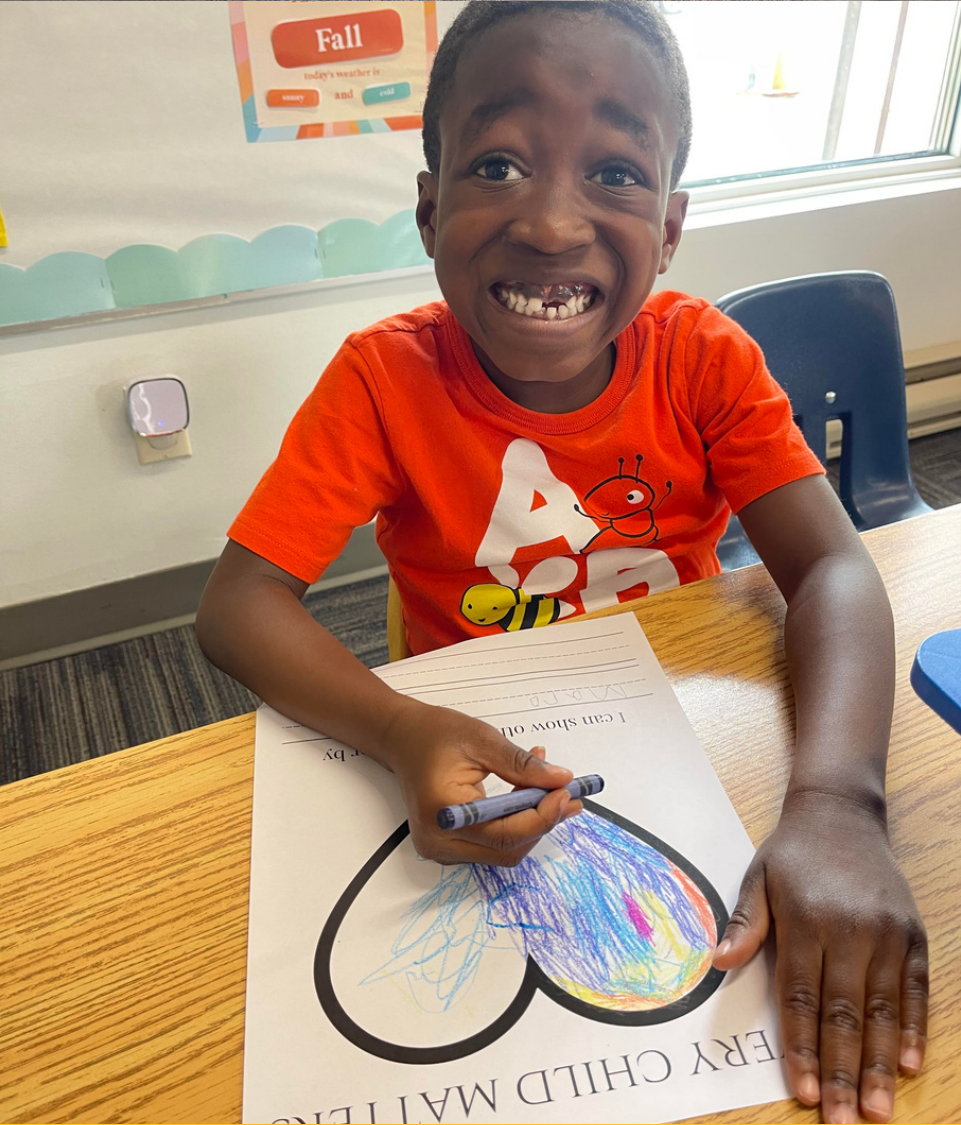


The Pre-K's have had fun learning and developing friendships through Play based learning activities such as Sensory play (play dough, sand and kinetic sand), Imaginative play (toys and dress up clothes), Creative play (crafts) and Physical play (gym, play structures).





We celebrated our first day in kindergarten by making hats! "O-fish-ally in kinder!"



On Orange Shirt day, kindergarten students wrote about why all children matter.



Soaking up all the fall sunshine by playing at the park!

"Fall" in love with kindergarten!



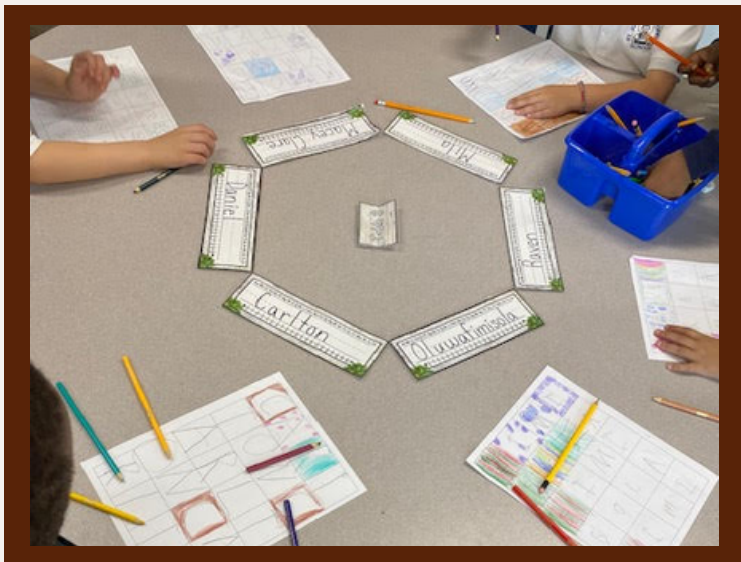
Boo! Happy Halloween!

Fall in Grade 1

THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF GRADE ONE HAVE BEEN A BLAST! HERE IS A TINY GLIMPSE INTO OUR CLASSROOM...



REVIEWING ELA SKILLS, AND BUILDING OUR CLASSROOM COMMUNITY!





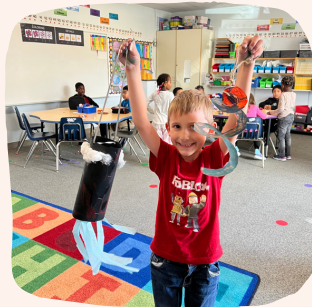
IN SCIENCE WE TALKED ABOUT SEASONAL CHANGES, AND 'ADOPTED' OUR CLASS TREE!



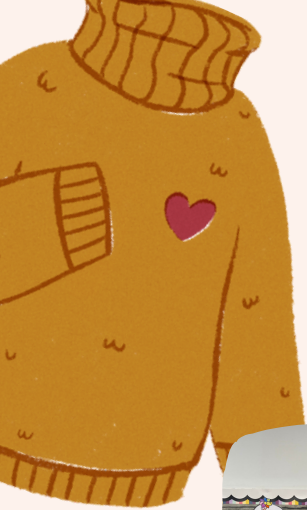
GRADE 2



WITH LOVE



Grade 2 students are hard at work building their number sense and creating boo-tiful math ghosts. Students are building their reading stamina and exploring the books. In science students are learning about air and water in our environment. The grade 2's are learning to use different mediums to create beautiful artwork.



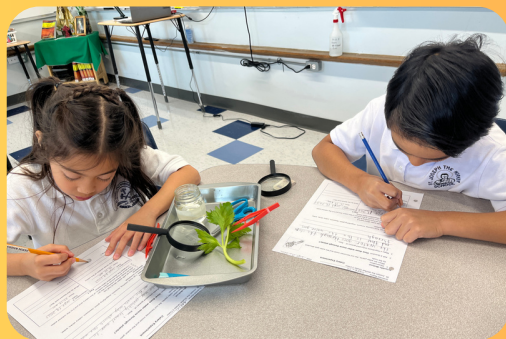
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GRADE 3



Celery Experiment

The students used the scientific method to explore the movement of water through plants.



Pair 'Em Up

Learning about Canadian provinces, its capitals and its flags, is fun with this matching game. Each student draws one card from a set of cards showing provinces and flags or a set showing provinces and capitals. They then try to find their pair based on their card.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The class talked about what the orange shirts symbolize and prayed for all the victims of residential school.



All Saints' Day Party

Posters of various saints were designed by students in preparation for their All Saints' Day party. They also searched for fun facts about the saints they chose.

C'est l'Halloween

The students played a fun game to learn Halloween vocabulary words en francais.



BE THANKFUL
BE GRATEFUL
BE BLESSED

AUTUMN IN GR. 4

**THE GRADE 4 STUDENTS SPENT THE FALL MONTHS
IMMERSED IN HANDS-ON LEARNING. CHECK OUT OUR
FAVOURITE MOMENTS!**



Playing the game
“Oh Deer” in science
class; A simulation
of what animals go
through to survive in
their habitats.

Polishing up our
place value skills in
math with a friendly
game of “Place
Value Battleship”!



GETTING CREATIVE...



Grade 4 students listened to the Métis retelling of “The Giving Tree” story and created their own art inspired by Métis tradition and culture, along with other art projects this fall.



Jumping our way to Grade 5

Fall Newsletter



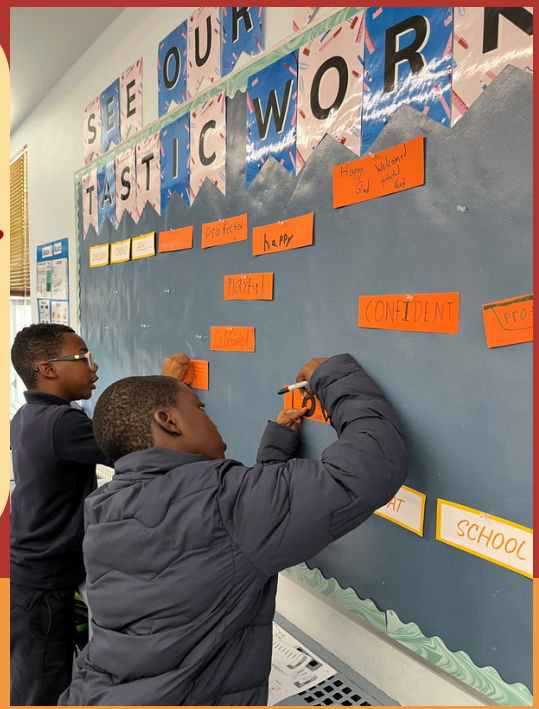
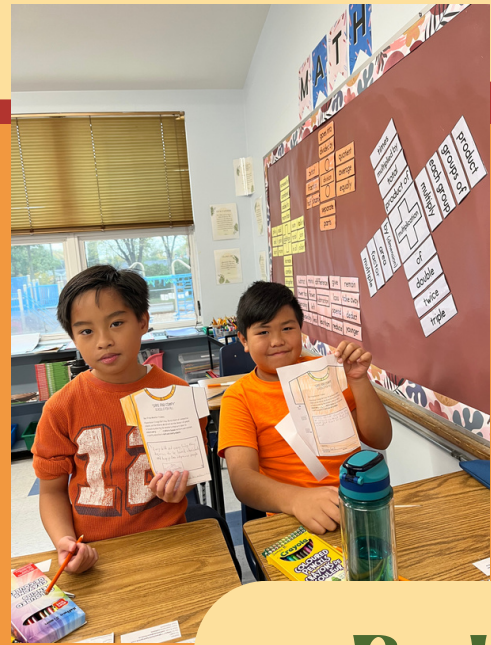
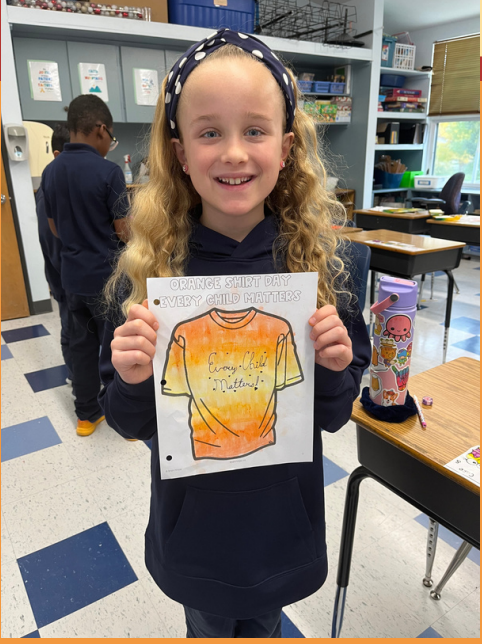
Building community

One of the things the
Grade 5's focused on was
to build strong and
healthy friendships
through play and
learning.



Orange Shirt Day

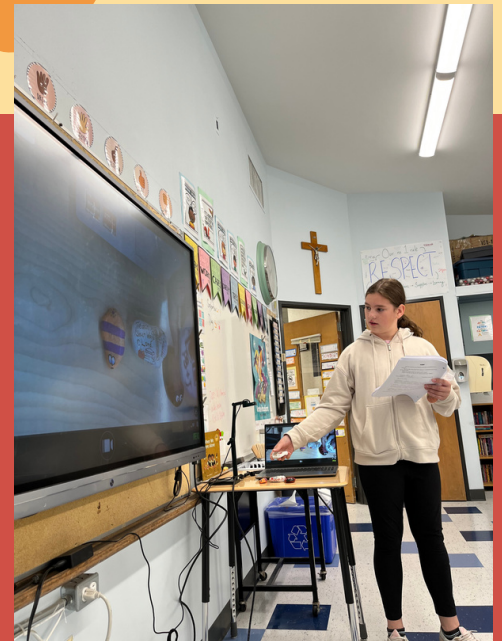
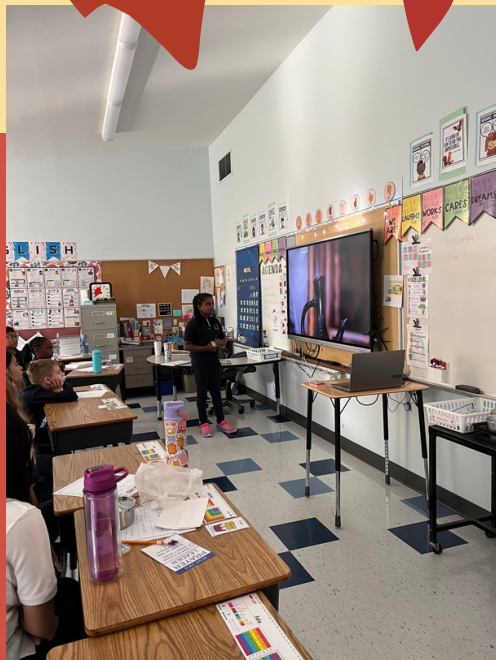
The students participated in a variety of activities, including sending a letter to the Prime Minister about why kids should be safe at school.



Buddy Reading

We also started reading with our buddies, the Pre-K's! :)



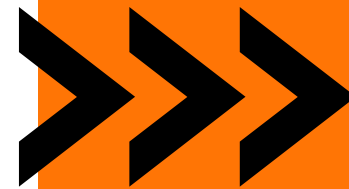


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Grade 5's started on a program that allows them to be a news reporter, an anthropologist, a mathematician and a scientist.

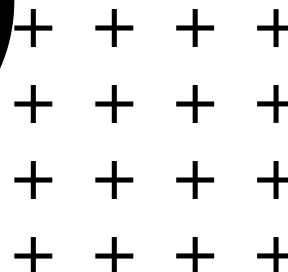
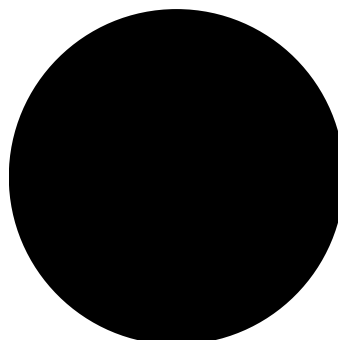
They showcase an oral presentation to class demonstrating the role that was assigned to them for the week.

GRADE 6



MATH

In math, we've been reviewing our skills from Grade 5, and beginning to explore patterns and algebra. Though many of them panicked when we first started talking about algebra, they soon realized that they had all the skills they needed to successfully solve algebraic equations!



ART

Grade 6 practiced using watercolour paints to celebrate the changing of the leaves. The process used masking tape to create the shape of the tree trunks and branches before painting on the leaf colours, then dipping gift cards in black paint to create the pattern of the birch trees. Every single one turned out stunning!

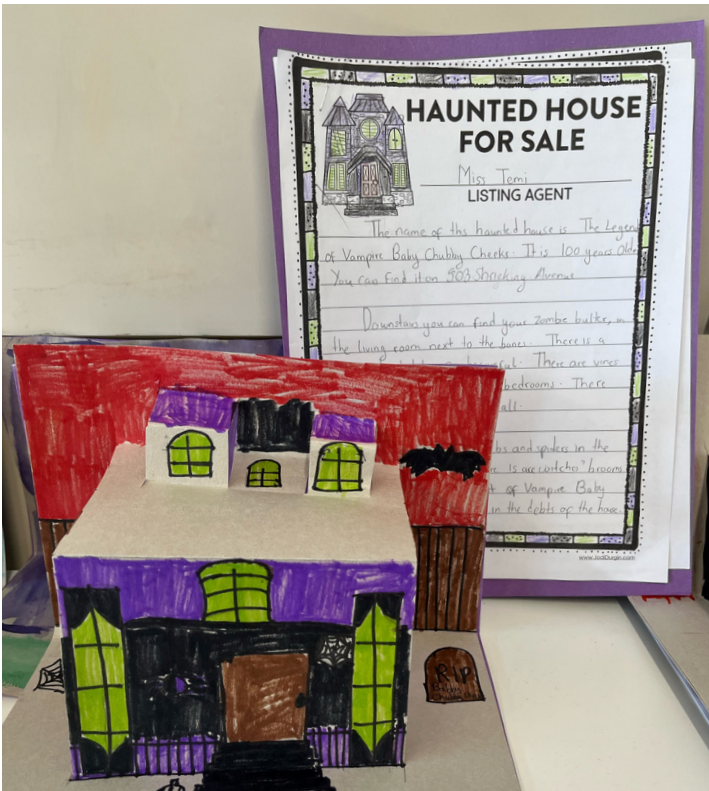


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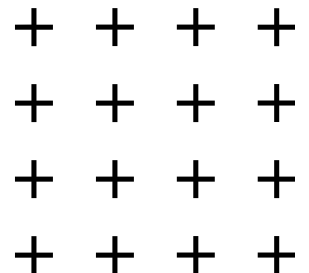
ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Grade 6 participated in Orange Shirt Day by creating a poster for our school fence. Each of us created one letter to represent how we can work together to combat prejudice and work toward reconciliation.



We've been working on descriptive writing in ELA by creating scary real estate listings to sell imaginary haunted houses! We started by looking at actual real estate listings from our city, then creating lists of spooky adjectives and nouns that students could refer to. Students were then allowed to use their frighteningly creative minds to try to sell a house that may or may not have a few creepy issues. We finished this project by creating a display to show off our horrifying work!

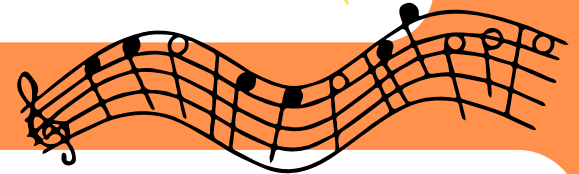
ELA





Music News

Mrs Jackson, PK-6
Fall 2023



Hello everyone! It's wonderful to be back at St. Joseph the Worker school for my second year. It's great to work with all the staff and students again! In September we began music classes with a quick start, and continued from where we left off before summer holidays.

In September, we began the Orff instrument rotation with all the barred instruments (xylophones, metallophones and glockenspiels) travelling through the upper wing, and in October they were taken to the grade 1 and 2 classes.

Guitar in Gr 6

All our grade 6 students can tune most of the strings on their own guitars! Woot Woot!

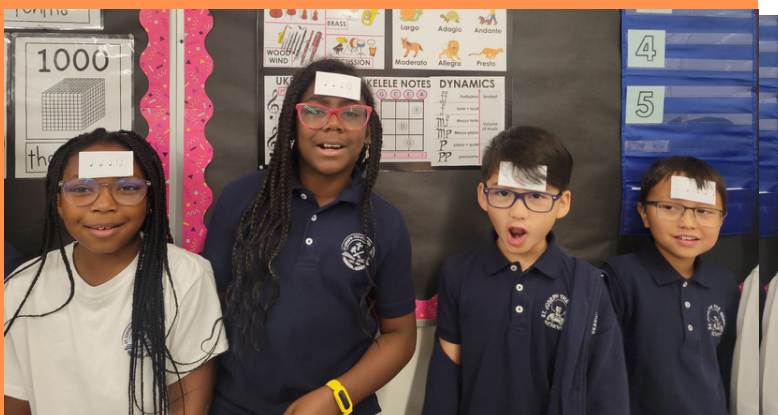
This saves so much time, allowing them to practice on their own and learn to play songs together on the first two strings!



Grades 3, 4 & 5

We started off in September playing and arranging songs using the Orff Instruments. Students had a variety of different instruments at their tables to rotate around, ensuring that each student had a chance to play each part.

Then in October, to warm up their rhythm sense, we played a traditional game, adapted for music class. They wore rhythms on their foreheads, and went around the room clapping each other's rhythms until they found someone who sounded like theirs! Take a look at the grade 4's pictured here.



Grades 1 & 2

In October, both classes began learning the important skills of playing together and aiming for the same notes. For some students this was their first opportunity to use xylophones and metallophones. Their excitement was tough to contain, so we did a lot of experimenting, and unguided playing alternating with skill building exercises. This included one of the most important things - stopping and starting together! Students were set up with a partner at the instruments and took turns with their classmates on the 6 instruments pictured here.



Things you'll only hear in music!

"First Mrs Jackson plays (echo)
Then I play (echo)"

(Teaching echo skills with the PreK's to grade 1's)



PK & K

In both Pre K and K classes, we did a lot of learning to be and sing together, dance without bumping into any one and playing instruments.

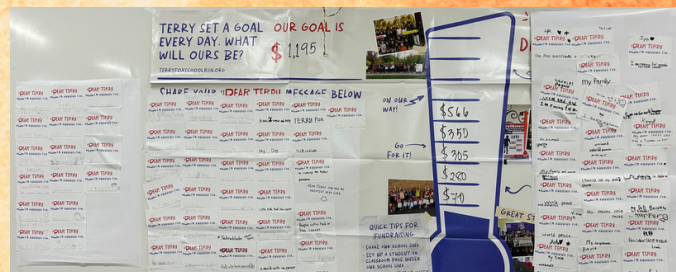


September 2023

Physical Education

St. Joseph the Worker School students participated again at the Terry Fox walk. We were able to raise almost a thousand dollars for this event and we thank all of you for participating and supporting the cause as always. All the proceeds have been donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

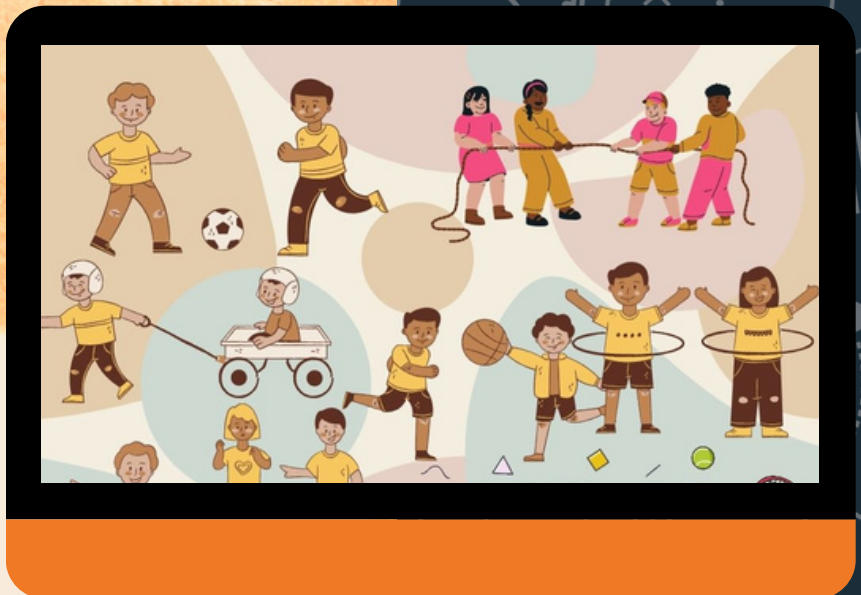
In addition, We were able to start the school year in Physical Education by organizing different games and assessing their basic movement skills. Assessing this will help us create a program that is fit for the students and is differentiated.

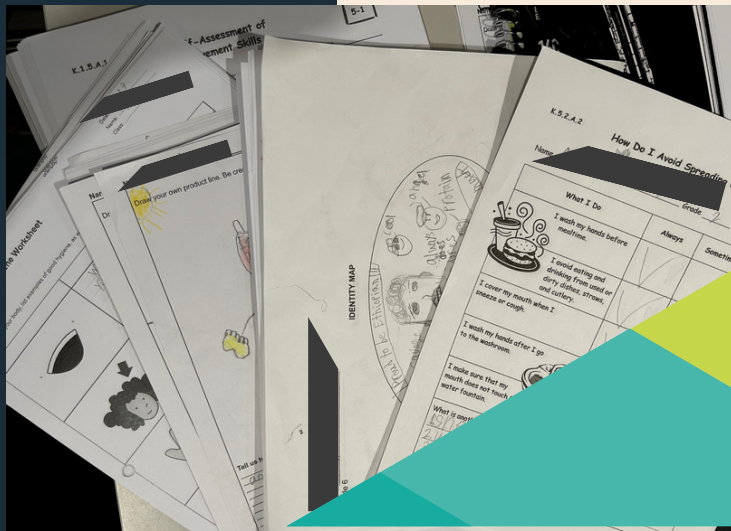


Students wrote their Terry Fox dedication letter and posted. They were excited posting their letters!



Students played many organized games focusing on personal space and general space, rules and safety. We also included cooperative games. We also started introducing vocabulary understanding about the basic movement skills that student need to develop.



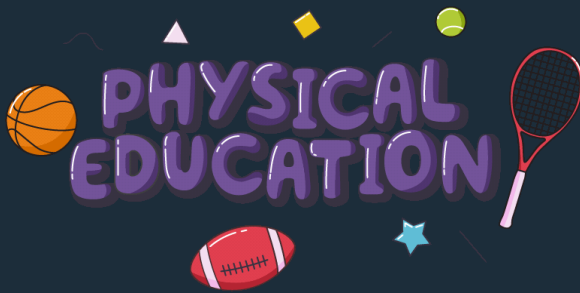


Health Updates Activities

We have started health by introducing self-esteem, self-concepts, and self-identity to our students for grades 4 - 6 and creating short and long-term goals for our Grade 3. For our younger kids, we started by introducing personal hygiene and healthy practices and having activities to emphasize that physical activity is better for their health.

OCTOBER 2023

Our Grade 5 and Grade 6 are set to have a presentation this November to showcase the result of their research to their fellow St. Joseph the Worker School students. They created presentations for a product line of their choice. They will also be showing presentations of different dental practices and services to our younger students to help them take care of their teeth.



For the Month of October, We started focusing on giving the student different activities enhancing their manipulative skills like throwing, kicking, bouncing, rolling, etc. We started doing initial assessments for running by doing a sprint and for jumping by doing a standing long jump. We took good records of running and jumping from the students!



Our Grade 3 - 6 are doing handball and speedball as part of their skill development sport enhancing their manipulative skills and even other skills like balance coordination. Younger kids are now starting to play cooperative and fun organized games that involve throwing, catching, and striking. More games and activities awaits them this coming Winter!