

# Our Lady of Fatima Parish School News

June 2016



## Preschool 2

Pre-K 2 celebrated the end of a wonderful school year with awards and a slideshow. Our preschoolers have acquired knowledge and independence this year along with developing motor skills and developing wonderful friendships. We are already looking forward to next year. Have a great summer!

-Mrs. Haynes and Miss Freeland



*Mrs. Sias and Sana Sayyed at Kindergarten graduation*

## Preschool 3

The class finished the year with a unit on the ocean. We painted wooden seahorses with rainbow colors. We did an experiment that showed us what happens when oil is spilled into water and the effects it has on the creatures who call the ocean their home. We topped off the year with a pizza lunch and celebrated our summer birthdays. We had a wonderful year!

-Mrs. Vassar and Ms. Sam

## Preschool 4

It has been a great last month of school. We finished up our study about the ocean and painted an ocean scene with watercolors. The children enjoyed countless days of outside time on the playground. We observed our caterpillars change to cocoons. A fun time was had by all at Camden Park. We had a fabulous year, and we wish everyone a safe and fun summer.

-Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Bates

## Kindergarten

Wow! What a productive year we have had in Kindergarten. We finished up our year learning about capitalization rules and completing our last spelling test in reading. In science, the children completed hands-on activities to demonstrate their knowledge of the different types of clouds. Our mathematics lessons focused on reading a word problem and finding ways to solve the equation. Our kindergarteners have grown so much this year and will be more than ready to be successful first graders.

-Mrs. Sias and Mrs. Yocke



*Mrs. Cole and seventh grade students on the last day of school*

## First Grade

Hooray for a wonderful school year! I can't believe it's already over and summer is upon us! My students grew a lot this year. I'm so proud of them! I've never seen a group of children that were as caring and loving as these. What a wonderful tribute that is to loving and supportive parents and our Fatima family. I am so blessed to be a part of this family of faith! My wish is for everyone to have a safe and happy summer! –Ms. Gatewood



Mrs. Brewster and students playing Twister at the second grade sleepover

## Second Grade

We had a great end of the school year here at OLOF in second grade! The month began of course with our wonderful First Communion celebrated with our CCD friends. What a beautiful and serious service was held when our children received the body and blood of Jesus for the first time! Later the same week, second graders participated in the May Crowning during school Mass by putting flowers around our lovely statue of Mary, and an eighth grader then put a crown of flowers on her head. Later in the month we had our Second Grade Sleepover on a Friday evening in our classroom. Everyone came back to school in pjs with sleeping bags, pillows, and board games to share! Pizza, a movie, and stories rounded out the evening (only until 9 pm!) and much fun was had by all. Don't forget to keep reading this summer and wear your sunscreen daily. Happy Summer! -Mrs. Brewster

## Third Grade

The third grade finished off the year learning about the regions of the United States as well as the states, capitals, and their abbreviations. Each student also picked a state of their choice to research and find many interesting facts. In math, we were dividing and multiplying with two digit numbers. In Religion, we were studying forgiveness and how to live our life for Jesus and to be a disciple for Christ. I am very proud of all that my third grade class has accomplished this year. It's been a great year with some amazing students. –Ms. O'Connor

## Fourth Grade

We had a great year in fourth grade! We earned the most AR points in the school. We worked really hard to earn these points. We ended our year with a great novel *The BFG*. The students made "Dream Jars" and presented them to the class. We learned how to multiply decimals in math. The students learned about our wonderful state the last few weeks of school by doing some research about WV. The students are very excited to move onto fifth grade next year! –Mrs. Dailey

## Fifth Grade

In fifth grade math we were learning to solve multi-step equations with the distributive property as well as how to find percents of ratios. In reading, we were reading and completing activities with *The Island of the Blue Dolphins* novel. Our immigration unit was a huge success and culminated in multiple journal entries from the perspective of immigrants coming from one of six countries. –Mrs. McMillian

## OLOF Middle School

### Math

During May, the sixth graders worked with proportions, fractions, and units of measure. The seventh grade class worked mainly on percents. Both prealgebra classes studied proportions and percents. One of the prealgebra classes spent several weeks working on a bake sale project in cooperative learning groups. The algebra class solved quadratic equations and did a project on how to solve them and shared them with the class. Finally, the geometry students did drawings with circles and wrote equations for the circles. It was a great and productive school year!

–Mrs. Cole

### Language Arts

It has been a great school year in middle school Language Arts! We ended the year learning how to diagram sentences and finishing reading our novels *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*; *And Then There Were None*; and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Middle school Language Arts students have worked very hard this year and are looking forward to a well-deserved summer break! I also want to congratulate our eighth grade students (now ninth grade!) who graduated and are moving on to high school. They have been so much fun to have as students, and I will miss them a lot!

–Miss Lafferre

### Science and Social Studies

Sixth Grade - In Science the students were learning all about invertebrates. They learned the five characteristics of animals, and how to use those characteristics to determine if an organism is an animal. They also learned about sponges, cnidarians, flatworms, roundworms, mollusks, and segmented worms. Finally, they learned about arthropods and echinoderms. In Social Studies we were learning about the first Israelites, the kingdom of Israel, and the growth of Judaism. Seventh Grade - In Science we were learning about the skin, the muscular system, the skeletal system, and finally the nervous system. In Social Studies we were learning about the first Americans, life in the Americas, and the fall of the Aztec and Inca empires. Eighth Grade - The last project that the eighth graders did was the egg drop. They were required to design and build a container that would allow their egg to fall safely to the ground. We dropped them off of the roof above the playground. Those who successfully protected their eggs received perfect grades.

–Mr. Burdick

### Religion

Father John Carroll, Saint Teresa of Avila, Pope Leo the Great, Saint John Chrysostom, Saint Peter Claver and Saint Angela de Merici just to name a few holy people, showed up at the parish hall for our Faith Wax Museum. As a culmination of our year, the middle school students chose a person of faith from the history of the Catholic Church. They researched that person, put together a report, assembled a tri-fold board full of information, came up with a visual aid, created a costume and presented their work to the Pre-K through fifth grade classes in the form of a wax museum exhibit. The cost to get in the exhibit was a can of food, which was donated to ECCHO. The students did an excellent job and had a fun time sharing what they have learned with the elementary students. It was an enjoyable and successful event, and we were able to donate food for a good ministry. When school resumes for 2016-2017 school year our study will be “the Life of Christ.”

–Mrs. White

## Related Arts

### Art

The Preschool 4 year olds worked on lines and texture by drawing water scenes and elephants. Kindergarten students drew figures in summer active poses. The first grade completed a kite design that showed a bird's eye view of student flying it. The second grade completed the paintings of their dinosaurs and glued them into the fold-up diorama environment they drew. The third grade created energetic night scenes based on the famous "Starry Night" of Vincent Van Gogh and his style of paint application. The fourth grade had fun creating self-portraits with extreme expressions while depicting a fun summer activity. The fifth grade made beautiful cord/foil paintings using a shiny, glass-like paint. The sixth grade made faux Greek vases and wrote about the god or goddess depicted on their vase. The seventh grade modeled and glazed lovely coil vases and pots. The eighth grade students completed their African inspired masks and personal logos. What a great year of art we have had! –Mrs. Anderson

### Music

Our music program had an active and productive May! Our Middle School Band and Choir traveled to Cincinnati to compete in the Music in the Parks competition at King's Island. The trip included a stay at the Great Wolf Lodge, a trip to the Newport Aquarium, and a day at King's Island. Our band won first place in their division and our choir won third place in their division. On May 17 all of our students from second through eighth grades performed in our Spring Concert. –Ms. Finney

### Spanish

The elementary Spanish classes were testing out a new Spanish program that focuses on language immersion techniques. The students seemed to really like it! The middle school Spanish classes have completed their Spanish-speaking country study. The students enjoyed learning about the areas of the world where "se habla espanol"! –Mrs. Patterson

### P.E. and Health

In our last month of school, students in physical education class participated in Games from Around the World, including African Handball, The Big Snake, The Dragon's Tail, Spearing the Disk, and Wombat Ball. In our last classes, students completed their end of the year fitness testing, including the endurance run, sit-up and push-up tests, shuttle run, timed arm hang, and long jump. Results were compared to the beginning of the year to check for improvement and will be compared to the beginning of the year next school year. In Health classes, students completed lessons on environmental health, sports injuries, first aid, and the benefits of different types of physical activity. –Mrs. Day



*The eighth grade class visiting the WW II memorial during their D.C. trip*



*Will Touma and Alex Treacy at Camden Park on Fatima Fun Day*