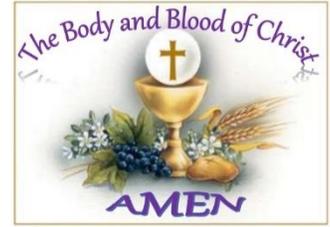


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Our Second Grade Retreat Was Today! 😊



Dear Parents,

The second graders participated in a wonderful class retreat today! We hope that you ask your child about their experience and how they grew closer to Jesus and brought the Gospel to life through the activities. Here is a little bit of information about our retreat. We chose Holy Week for our retreat as it is such an important celebration in our Catholic liturgical year and it connects to our students' preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our afternoon retreat was filled with dynamic lessons and engaging activities related to our Holy Week and Holy Eucharist theme.

We:

- participated in reflective prayer
- colored a Holy Triduum triptych to display at home to remind us of the important events of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter
- made "Resurrection Eggs"
 - o read verses from the Bible that relate to the many symbols associated with Holy Week
 - o learned about each Holy Week symbol
 - o colored pictures of the Holy Week symbols and put them in our Resurrection Eggs
 - o received a list of the associated Bible verses to keep with our Resurrection Eggs
- watched a video about the Holy Eucharist ("Brother Francis presents The Bread of Life")
- picked prayer partners to pray for leading up to our First Holy Communion

We hope that you help your child to extend their retreat experience by continuing to grow their love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and to develop their understanding of the Holy Easter Season living out the hope Jesus inspires in their thoughts, prayers, words, and actions every day. The Holy Triduum triptych, Bible verses, Resurrection Eggs, and practice of prayer partners can be referred to and used again and again to lift your child's spirit and the spirits of those around them.

Blessings in Christ,

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HOLY WEEK