



Wildcat Weekly

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Here at St. Mel's we are focused on developing our STEM program and incorporating STEM education and principles across the curriculum. Even our physical education classes got in on the act. Last week, the students were challenged to build a hula hoop hut. They worked in cooperative groups and with no directions from the teacher, they had to figure out how to build a free standing structure using only hula hoops. Despite some initial frustration, the children figured out how to work together and designed and built these awesome engineering structures. An activity such as this fosters social skills as they were required to collaborate to successfully solve a problem. It also fosters creativity, critical thinking and innovation among our students. The children probably didn't even realize it, but they were learning engineering principles as well. Great job!- Mrs. Barron





Spotlight on First Grade!

Our first grade class has been busy exploring the fall season and they have been incorporating this theme across the curriculum. They have been practicing using describing words to write sentences and questions independently as they wrote about the fall season. In class, they have been playing a game called, "I lost my wagon" where they had to create a fall wagon and use descriptive words such as colors, numbers, etc. to describe their wagons to their friends so that their friends can "find" them. Today, the kids used all five of their senses to explore pumpkins. They had the opportunity to "dive" inside a pumpkin to explore its insides. They used their senses of sight, sound, smell and touch to describe the inside of the pumpkin. They didn't actually taste the pumpkin today, but maybe some pumpkin pie is in their future. YUMMY!

Looking Ahead

- Sunday 10/23—Grades 1&3 class mass 10:30am
- Thursday 10/27—Grade K-2 Class trip to Citifield
- Friday 10/28—Night of the Jack-O-Lantern
- Monday 10/31—Halloween Free costume dress down, Halloween parade and classroom parties
- Tuesday 11/1—All Saints Day School is in session, 1-5 students will attend 9am mass, students may dress as a saint
- Thursday 11/3—Original Art orders due
- Tuesday 11/8—CHAMP UP anti-bullying assembly
- Wednesday 11/9—Used book sale

