

# SPES Co-Curricular Newsletter

## Art - Mrs. Alleman

St. Paul's students celebrated International Day of Peace, observed around the world on September 21. The UN General Assembly declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. In art class, the entire student body (Early Childhood through 6th grade) designed colorful pinwheels. The book *Peace and Me* by Ali Winter and illustrated by Mickael El Fathi was highlighted in art class with the upper elementary students. Through the beautifully illustrated pages, students learned about some Nobel Peace Prize Laureates. 6th grade arrived at school really early on the 21st to help with the installation on our front lawn. They were rewarded for their hard work and fortitude by getting up early with a trip to Cafe Cappuccino for breakfast.



## Library - Mrs. Taddia

This month has been a blast in the library! We were able to celebrate our summer readers with a picnic and popsicles which was an absolute blast for everyone involved. We also created a Storybook Pumpkin Patch. I am absolutely thrilled by the number of families who participated! It is an absolute joy to share the love of reading with your children!!



## Music - Mrs. Disheroon

I absolutely love the first few weeks of school with our early childhood classes. We start each class with a song featuring each student's name, and I just adore seeing their sweet faces light up when it gets to be their turn and they hear me sing their name to them. It's also really amazing to see how those students who are new to a school setting grow exponentially in the first few weeks. Some who just cry the whole music class the first few times they see me, quickly turn into students who wave at me and smile while their parents are carrying them or walking them in to their classrooms. And that first time an Early Toddler student lets me bounce them on my knee or rock them while singing a lullaby is simply magical...





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## Spanish - Ms. Burkhart



From September 15th through October 15th we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. This was a great opportunity to introduce different cultures. One of the main focuses was to learn how to make homemade tortillas. We first reviewed the different techniques and steps for making corn tortillas. We then later did a hands-on activity where we put the different techniques to practice to make our tortillas. In the process, we added cheese to make quesadillas that we later enjoyed. The students enjoyed this activity the most because they learned new vocabulary as they used their five senses to explore how to make homemade tortillas.



## PE/Athletics - Coach Dylan and Coach Wright



Volleyball, football and cross country are beginning to wind down, and our Pacers have shown that they were "all in" with their grit. Our football teams have fought hard and remained mentally tough. Their games will conclude on November 1st at 4:40 and 5:15 pm. So if football is your sport, come check them out! The volleyball teams did much of the same with tough play and mental fortitude that brought the most wins in a volleyball season in almost a decade. Our first game of 6th Grade Volleyball Championship Tournament (in which we will attempt to bring home our first sports trophy since 2014) will start on November 1st at 5:00 pm in the Waco Montessori Gym. Cross Country also had a great showing this year with all of our competitors finishing their miles in under 10 minutes. It is very difficult to self motivate in events like these and our athletes have once again shown they are up to the task! GO PACERS!!

