

Counselor Corner

Dear parents,

Here is an update on what's happening in Guidance classes.

Pre-K and K students are finding out how a counselor can help them.

They are talking about what it means for St. Martha to be a PeaceBuilder school. We recited the PeaceBuilder pledge in each classroom and the meaning of it. Ask your child to recite it for you.

There were brief discussions about NoBully, but we are making a few changes to the program, so more on that later. The students are seeing the video, "It's Not Okay to Bully" and talking about what they saw that was wrong and what was right.

Grades 1 and 2 are basically doing the same as above, but in a little more depth.

Grades 3, 4, and 5 are reviewing all PeaceBuilder concepts and the No Bully program. We are reading the discussion book called, "The Bully." Then we ask and some answer some key questions about the story.

This is followed by a Seek and Find called "Bullying is Not Cool."

Grade 6 is using the "Creative Conflict Solving for Kids. We concentrate on what a conflict is and how we can resolve it. One interesting game is called, "Tug O War Conflict Resolution Solutions." The other is named, "You Call It!"

Grade 7 works with the counselor regarding several issues. This month the students study what constitutes sexual harassment and how it hurts people. There is a video of that same title.

Both 7th and 8th grades are having class meetings and team building activities.

More later!

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