

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

Dear Families,

How is it already the end of the first week of school?! I'm so excited to see all of our returning students and to welcome the new families to Our Lady of the Angels. It has been wonderful getting to know the students after a summer break. Each grade has their own unique personality which will make this year fun and a challenge to teach!

## The Week in Review

### 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

All Science classes focused on reviewing the scientific method and learning the engineering process. We compared and contrasted the two and discussed when it would be appropriate to use each.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Geography

Sixth graders began their unit of Geography by learning about the Five Themes of Geography: Location, Place, Human/Environment Interaction, Movement, and Regions. They then identified these themes in their own lives and where they live.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Early U.S. History

Seventh graders began the unit of the settlement of North American by Native Americans by analyzing different artifacts from the Aztecs, Incas, and Mayan empires. From their analysis, they created a definition of a civilization.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade U.S. History

The class reviewed their knowledge of the Constitution with a close game of Constitution Jeopardy. They then delved into the Preamble to determine the significance of the words. The students concluded the week with recalling the purpose of the American government and its basis- a right to freedom given to mankind by God.

## Looking Ahead

### 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

The students will explore the engineering process!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Geography

Sixth graders will continue to learn about the Five Themes of Geography.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Early U.S. History

Seventh graders will continue to learn about the Native American groups who lived

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Modern U.S. History

The students will continue to learn about the Bill of Rights and the election process.

*Have a great weekend!*