

PIP Students' Visits to the Library Learning Commons



At Father Michael Goetz, we are proud to have 16 wonderful students who are part of the PIP program (Preparing for Independence). They bring so much joy to our staff and students and are an important part of our school community. Each Friday they visit the Library Learning Commons to share in the love of literature. We enjoy reading books with stories and creative illustrations that revolve around different themes and events in our modern world. Some of the special events we have explored through stories and art are *Terry Fox Day*, *Bullying Awareness Month*, *Remembrance Day*, *Black History Month*, *International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*, *World Health Day*, and *Earth Day*. Bringing awareness to these special initiatives paves the way for a future of conscientious citizens who cherish human well-being and dignity, and the wellness of our planet. And, just for fun, last school year, we couldn't forget the *Winter Olympic Games*, the *Special Olympics*, and the *World Soccer Cup*. These exciting world events, along with yearly special occasions such as Valentine's Day and Halloween, are exciting and teachable opportunities that have inspired rich learning. But most important, are the times of year we remember how fortunate we are to be part of a Catholic community, particularly during Advent and Lent.

We are reminded that we have been made in the likeness of God, that we are taught to see Christ in others, and that we strive to be Christ-like in our everyday actions. Through literature and art, here in the Library Learning Commons, PIP students not only learn about world events and celebrate special occasions, but also participate in activities that foster awareness of humanitarian initiatives and remind us of our special place in Catholic education!

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