

# SPAGHETTI IN A HOT DOG 3RD GRADE

Our 3rd graders read *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun* by Maria Dismondy, a heartwarming story about bullying, kindness, and integrity. Through Lucy's experiences of being teased for her uniqueness, students explored the importance of empathy and standing up for what is right. The third graders participated in an important and honest discussion about their own choices with their classmates, reflecting on how their actions show their integrity.

The book highlights the role of bystanders in bullying situations and challenges readers to think critically about their actions. Lucy's decision to help her bully, Ralph, when he needed it most demonstrates the power of integrity and forgiveness. Her choices reflect the teachings of Jesus, showing love and kindness even to those who hurt us. This aligns beautifully with the message in *Philippians 4:8*, encouraging us to focus on what is true, noble, and admirable.



By discussing these themes, our students are learning how to navigate challenges with compassion and courage. Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun serves as an inspiring reminder that doing the right thing isn't always easy, but it's always worth it. The class also enjoyed trying spaghetti in a hot dog bun themselves, making the story come to life in a fun and delicious way! They also learned how their choices, big or small, can demonstrate their integrity and kindness.

