

# THIRD GRADE DIGS INTO KINDNESS WITH "SPAGHETTI IN A HOT DOG BUN"

Our third graders recently explored the powerful themes of kindness, courage, and empathy through the book *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun*. This story opened up conversations about how we treat others who may like things differently than us, the importance of using our voices to speak up for what is right, and how to respond with kindness even when faced with unkindness.

Class discussions challenged students to think deeply about the roles of bullies, bystanders, and victims, and how each of us has a responsibility to act with love and courage. These conversations encouraged critical thinking, moral reflection, and a chance to practice engaging with one another in meaningful ways. Students considered how they can lead with both logic and compassion, and how to discern the right choices when navigating real-life situations.

To cap off the experience, our third graders enjoyed a fun and memorable "Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun" lunch. Complete with buttered noodles, sauce, hot dog buns, meatballs, watermelon, and a sweet treat, the meal was not only delicious but also a creative way to celebrate the lessons they had learned together.

The day was a beautiful reminder that even at a young age, students are called to defend what is right, love others well, and reflect on how they can live out their faith in everyday situations.



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