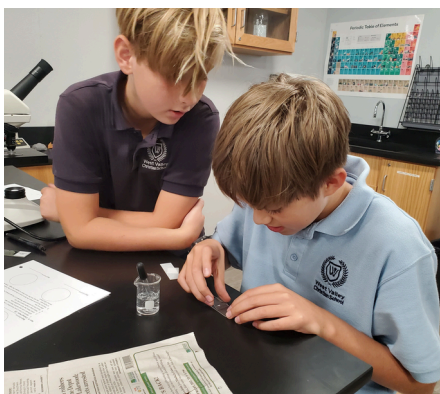
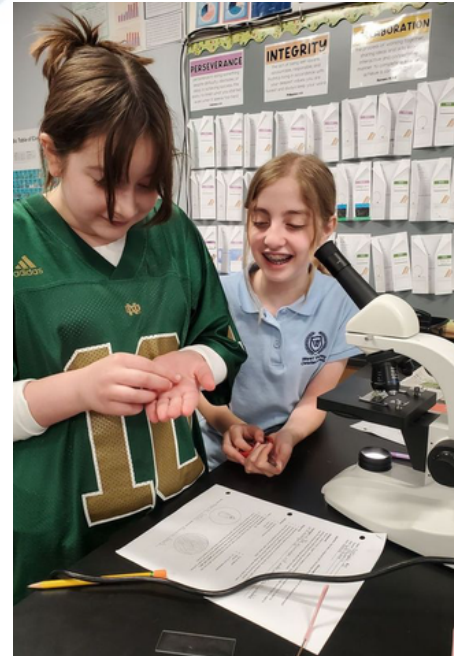
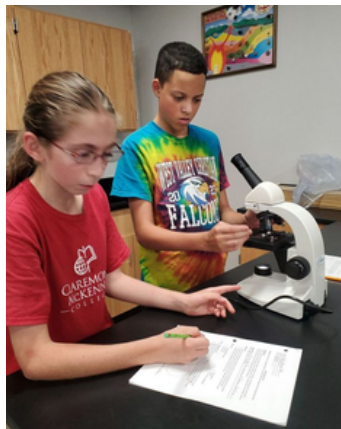
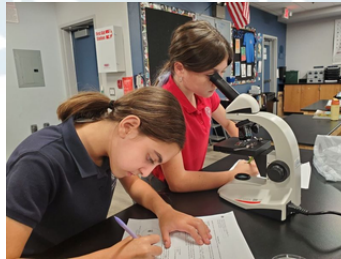


UNCOVERING THE WONDERS OF GOD'S CREATION

Viruses & Living Things

For the past few weeks, 7th grade has been focused on learning about living things. It started with them learning about viruses, which are actually biological particles, not living organisms. Students wrestled with the idea of why a good God would make viruses when they cause so much sickness. The more they learned, the more they realized that viruses actually play many good roles in our world including controlling populations of bacteria, delivering genetic information to restore damaged cells, killing disease-causing bacteria, and may have a future as a replacement for antibiotics to treat bacterial diseases (aka phage therapy). Chase Stewart responded to what he learned about viruses saying, "These... examples show that God's creation might look bad, but it is still good. Although some viruses do destroy, others protect. As said in Romans 1:20, 'The Creator's wisdom and handiwork can still be seen' all around us, even in the smallest creatures on Earth."



Next students studied the five main groups of living things: bacteria, protists, fungus, plants, and animals. As part of the unit, they learned how to use compound light microscopes to view specimens, and how to make their own wet-mount slides. Finally, they created Yearbooks of Living Things, showcasing the stunning handwork and design found in God's Creation.