

"Lend a Shoulder" visitor for a day



Mr. Dixon reads to the St. Joseph School Kindergarten class during his recent visit.

Earlier this month, St. Joseph School at 4831 South Hermitage, welcomed visitor G. Grant Dixon. Mr. Dixon is from the Big Shoulders Fund and an attorney from LaGrange.

This was his second visit to St. Joseph School and the visit began with a celebration of the "Dia Los Muertos" (All Souls Day). Students, teachers and parents were invited to remember their departed family members and friends at a prayer service.

Mr. Dixon's next stop was the 6th grade classroom. They were busy counting their "Pennies from Heaven" math project proceeds.

These students wanted to find out how long it would take to collect a trillion pennies, so they decided to challenge the whole school to "make a difference" by collecting pennies for the Holy Cross Food Pantry. Mr. Dixon asked the students to figure out how many pounds of food the pantry could buy at the Food Depository at seven cents a pound. They correctly answered and received \$20 towards their fund.

Mr. Dixon inquired about the use of the Accelerated Reader and Starr program, which promotes reading. A student reads a book, takes a test and then writes their

name and the title of the book on a colored circle. This circle becomes a segment in the bookworm, traveling up to the third floor of the school. The guest visitor also visited the Pros Arts program and witnessed the students creating various art projects for Title I.

Mr. Dixon read a book about animals for the Kindergarten and one about Thanksgiving for the first grade. He proceeded to the second grade class and talked about their social studies lesson using the globe and pointing out places he had been.

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Dixon moved to a mock election for the President of the United States. Every child registered to vote and participated in a St. Joseph school election, helping to learn about the electoral process.

Mr. Dixon supports the mission of Catholic schools and values the importance of sound education to attain the goals that students

have to set for themselves even while in grade school. He talked to the children about setting achievable goals and about setting a new goal every time they reach one.

St. Joseph School thanks Mr. Dixon and the Big Shoulders Fund for having "hands on" experience in the school and also for their generous donations.

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