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Dear Parents,

There has been much research done on using a variety of strategies to help children remain focused during school hours. Some of these strategies include everything from academic accommodations to dietary restrictions to medications to fidget spinners to squish balls to chair leg bands to specific articles of clothing. How effective they are depends mainly upon the students' use of these strategies and/or devices.

We have been able to purchase some "foot rockers" and "table top lifts" for our students to use through a small federal grant. If a student is using one of these devices, it does NOT mean that there is "something wrong with him/her." It simply means that this is a strategy/device being used to help the student achieve his/her potential. There will be a bit of a "novel curiosity and can I use it" at first – that is expected. Teachers will be aware and monitor the situation so that students succeed.

God has given everyone special gifts and talents. As educators, we are given the direction to find ways to help each student reach his/her fullest potential. We all are given the direction of accepting each person as the reflection of our Creator God. To make fun of, spread gossip, ridicule or ignore a student is **NOT** the behavior of a follower of Jesus. If your child comes home and speaks negatively, meanly, disrespectfully, sarcastically of a student using one of these devices, please address the inappropriateness of such comments. It could be your child someday who may need some extra help.

For the past few years, we have been praying at our Sunday Masses "Help us to learn Jesus, to love Jesus, to live Jesus." Let us continue to grow in this spirit.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Gratefully,

Sister John Ann

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