



Saint Rose of Lima Academy

Respect, Love, and Education Through Christ

On March 15th and 16th, the StarLab from Merck's Institute for Science Education (M.I.S.E.) visited St. Rose of Lima Academy with Merck employees, Jennifer Wylie, Kendra Gulbranson and David Wylie. St. Rose students in pre-K-3 through eighth grade were treated to a presentation inside the Starlab, which is an inflatable planetarium about 10 feet in height and 16 feet in diameter, that can accommodate up to 30 children. Inside, the night sky is projected onto the ceiling so that the children can view the major constellations, the movements of the stars and the motions of the planets. The students viewed the 45 classical Greek constellations which were colorfully depicted against a background of 3000 stars. The Starlab was invented in 1977 by Philip Sadler and is now the most widely used planetarium in the world. This was a wonderfully educational and fun opportunity for the students. We are most grateful to Merck Institute, Mrs. Wylie, Ms. Gulbranson, and Mr. Wylie for this fantastic presentation.

