

7th Grade Life Science Class Dissects Large Herbivores Written by Patrick Fitzpatrick, head of school.

Okay, not large, but as far as grasshoppers are concerned the students thought they were huge. Currently our 7th grade life science students, taught by Mr. Norm Reynolds, are completing a survey of the animal kingdom. I recently had the opportunity to observe the students while they were dissecting grasshoppers. Every team of seventh graders wanted me to see their handiwork as they proudly displayed their dissections. In the weeks leading up to the grasshopper dissection the students also dissected the starfish and the earthworm. Next week they will dissect frogs.



“So far,” says Mr. Reynolds, “they can’t believe how many organs are found in such tiny bodies, and yet God has neatly arranged them to function flawlessly, day after day.”

Science is about doing, exploring, and asking questions. While there are necessary lectures and discussions, I have been energized by the amount of hands-on, interactive science that our students are experiencing.

