

March 13, 2019

Dear SIS Parents,

This year for our Lenten promise we will be collecting new toys for **“Landon’s Eclectic Toy Box”**. All toys that we collect will be taken to Saint Alexius Medical Center’s Child Life Department. Below is the story of how “Landon’s Eclectic Toy Box” was created.

Hello everyone, My name is Mary Johnson and I am one of the Preschool teachers here at St. Isidore. Earlier this year my 7 year old son started having Migraines during the middle of the night that woke him up and made him vomit. We went to a pediatric neurologist who wanted to have an MRI scan of Landon’s Brain. On Wednesday, February 6th, we went to Saint Alexius Medical center to have this done. On Sunday, February 10th I received a call from the doctor to tell me that Landon had a brain tumor and that we had to get him to Saint Alexius Medical Center for immediate surgery to remove the tumor. On Monday, February 11th, Landon was taken in for Major Brain Surgery, which went well. Jump forward 1 month and Landon is back to a normal 7 year old boy who loves to draw and build Legos.

As a parent in this situation, I was extremely scared. I didn’t know what to expect, even though, as an adult, I am aware of the general procedures of surgery (IVs, blood work, etc.). If I was so scared and uncertain, you can only imagine, then, how frightened children are in this situation. The child life department at St. Alexius Medical Center was a constant for Landon. They went above and beyond to support Landon and make him feel at ease during such a difficult time. They brought him toys daily to keep him as active and his mind as occupied as possible. More importantly, each person at St. Alexius brought with them love, compassion, and support for both Landon and us, his parents. Landon made a quick connection with Ms. Colleen (pictured below) and enjoyed every interaction he had with her (which were many).

In order to “pay it forward” our family has decided to collect toys to donate to St. Alexius Medical Center so they may continue supporting other children and families during such hard times. Your support in St. Isidore’s Lenten Promise will help bring a smile to a child’s face and more comfort to a family than you can imagine. **If you have any questions regarding our Lenten Promise please call or email, Mrs. Mary Johnson at maryjohnson@saintisidoreschool.org or 630-529-9323.** Thank You.



“Landon’s Eclectic Toy Box” Toy Drive

Items Needed	Classroom
1. Toddler Toys	Preschool
2. Puzzles	4th grade
3. Play-doh	3rd grade
4. Bubbles	Kindergarten
5. Coloring Books & Crayons (young children)	1st grade
6. Adult Coloring Books and Colored Pencils	6th grade
7. Word Search, Crossword & Sudoku Puzzle Books	7th grade
8. Small Lego Sets	8th grade
9. Decks Of Cards	5th grade
10. Books	2nd grade