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Students plant succulents with business partner

PARKERSBURG – North Christian School teamed with its business partner Murray Sheet Metal on Friday to help students “grow” their community.

North Christian School kindergarteners planted succulents, such as cactus and aloe, as part of a lesson with Murray Sheet Metal Office Manager Karen Henline. The students also wrapped the planters in pictures and paintings they created.

“I chose the succulents because they worked really well last year and the animals don’t tend to eat them,” Henline said.

The planters will be taken back to Murray Sheet Metal and placed upon concrete displays.

“It gives a bit of color and beauty to things,” she said. “I’ll take pictures of the display and share those with the kids.”

Principal Teresa Carroll said working with its business partner helps students to see the wider world beyond the school.

“It shows our students, through these partnerships, that the community cares about learning,” she said. “For us it is about expanding those learning opportunities for students.”

Henline said Murray Sheet Metal also offers student tours of its facility as well as other projects with students. Most projects come with an emphasis on math and science, she said.

“I want us to be present,” Henline said. “I want us to be involved in the community.”

Friday’s project coincided with Creation Day, an event to celebrate God’s six days of creation as told in the Bible, Carroll said. Students studied the days of creation during the week, making art and wall murals as part of the celebration, she said.

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