## Ms. Kathie Jefferson (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel) Encouraging Students Through Collaboration

Ms. Kathie Jefferson, a second grade teacher at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel school in Middle River, encourages students to reach their full potential by providing a collaborative classroom atmosphere. Students in Ms. Jefferson's class work together, using hands-on learning to participate in engaging STEM engineering projects, resulting in higher level thinking.

Ms. Jefferson's class recently made Spider Web Bridges, working together on design and strategy to see how many blocks each bridge could hold. Ms. Jefferson's patient and nurturing demeanor makes activities like this educational and fun for her students.

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