

# C.L.L.E.

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## The Ohio Connection to Space Exploration

In CLLE's second year at Nativity, Dr. Corning Benton, Marjorie P. Lee Retirement, introduced the topic of Space Travel to Mrs. Kathman's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Nativity. As part of the session, the students watched the YouTube version of the Apollo broadcast with Dr. Benton. He shared with the students that watching the broadcast almost 42 years ago has enriched his religious experience of Christmas Eve ever since. Dr. Benton gave the students a great deal of information about Apollo 8 and space travel. This year, Dr. Benton's presentation included the Ohio connection. He highlighted the careers of the Wright Brothers, John Glenn and Neil Armstrong. He told the students that they should be proud of Ohio's rich aviation history.

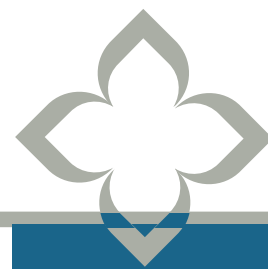
Once again, Corning made the concepts of space travel relevant to the students by talking about rocket speed, size of the moon, and fuel for the mission in terms that the students could understand. The students were literally sitting on the edge of their seats waiting to ask him questions about what it was like for the early astronauts. Mrs. Kathman, their teacher, was thrilled with the level of engagement and questions Corning's session sparked. She will take the information Corning shared with the students and build upon it over the next weeks.



Jake Lamb, Laura Lamb's son, answers a question asked by Dr. Benton.



Dr. Benton smiles at the enthusiastic reaction of students.



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