

BRADFORD BULLETIN

B R A D F O R D A C A D E M Y ' S P A R E N T U P D A T E

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Bradford Night & Open House, Nov. 20th.
- Please plan on having your child at the church around 6:30 PM in dress uniform next Thursday evening.
- This week's memory verse: Psalm 75:1
- Next week's memory verse: Psalm 92:1
- Please spend some time reviewing the *Mayflower Compact* with your child.
- Items to donate: Kleenex and disinfectant wipes.

SPECIAL PRAYER

- Please pray for the upcoming Open House. We hope that it will be well attended and that any visitors that come would be impressed with what we are doing.



OPEN HOUSE NEXT WEEK!

The day is quickly approaching. We trust it will be a blessing to all to see what our students are learning! Next Thursday evening we will allow the students to demonstrate what they have been learning while honoring our namesake, William Bradford.

The Bradford rooms will be set up for interested families to visit and ask questions. Curriculum samples will be on display as well. We will be running a slide show continuously in the foyer showing pictures of the students in action. The main presentation will be in the church sanctuary. My plan is to give a brief talk about William Bradford with the aid of the children. We will then talk about Christian and classical education. I hope to conclude with a demonstration of our daily Forum. Please pray for me as I work out all the details. In the meantime please be sure to invite anyone that might be interested or even willing to become a supporter of this good work.

This week we have been reading an interesting historical fiction called, *The Pilgrim Boy*. This story gives an account of one young "separatist" from his time in Holland to the first Thanksgiving feast at Plymouth colony. Every time I consider the hard lives these people lived I am made to give thanks for the relative ease and luxury we enjoy. The greatest luxury we enjoy is that of liberty of conscience. May we raise our children to value and cherish this blessed gift. May they also be well trained to defend it!



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Language Arts:

Kindergarten has added short O to their repertoire of phonetic sounds this week. We also completed our 3rd reader, *To the Rim of the Map*. They all seem to be making good progress. First grade continues to learn vowel diagraphs such as ee, ea, oa, ai/ay, and many more. In grammar we have learned a new jingle that helps us remember the five components of a complete sentence. We also discussed and declarative and interrogative sentences. *(continued)*

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History:

We switched our approach this week after we finished discussing the Greeks. Our focus is now turned to the Plymouth colony and the events leading up to its establishment. The children continue to memorize the *Mayflower Compact*, which most consider the first "constitution" of the American continent.

Math:

First grade has completed sums of 11 and sums of 12. We also discussed measurement (both dry and liquid), counting money (dimes, nickels, and pennies), and ordering 2 digit numbers. We continue to review all previous concepts as well!

The kindergarten class continues to review double facts, +1's, and +0's.

We are writing the date and continue to work with the calendar. Please review with your child the ordinal numbers such as first, second, third etc. (See also math news included).

Music:

This week we finished listening to the opera *The Magic Flute*. We then spent a few minutes listening to music of the colonial period and some of the music the Pilgrims may have sung (in church) and played during "secular" celebrations.

Our memory verses for these weeks leading up to Thanksgiving are focusing on the rare virtue THANKFULNESS! My hope is that our children will truly understand the significance of this special holiday.

Peace and Grace!



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BRADFORD NIGHT / OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Nov. 20th, 7 PM - Invite your friends!

Regarding William Bradford

“He was a person for study as well as action; and hence, notwithstanding the difficulties through which he had passed in his youth, he attained unto a notable skill in languages... He was also well skilled in History, in Antiquity, and in Philosophy; and for Theology he became so versed in it, that he was an irrefragable disputant against the errors... But the crown of all was his holy, prayerful, watchful, and fruitful walk with God, wherein he was very exemplary.” *Cotton Mather*

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