

# BRADFORD BULLETIN

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## DANCING WITH THE READING STARS (WHO THOUGHT PHONICS COULD BE SUCH FUN?)

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

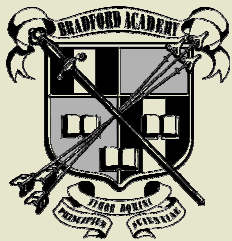
- **PROSPECTIVE PARENT NIGHT:** Mar. 24th, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- **Application Fee Waived** for any application received before Mar. 31st See note inside.
- **RE-ENROLLMENT Letter** Due by JUNE 1st.
- **MEMORY WORK:**

- This week: 1 Cor.14:40  
- Next week: 1 John 1:9

- We're almost out again! We need the following items:
  - Kleenex
  - Clorox wipes

### SPECIAL PRAYER

- **Tuition assistance:** We would like to find sponsors for at least four students. Please pray for increased giving.
- Wisdom as we make plans for next year.



The pictures below illustrate the natural rhythm of our dear children. We were grooving to the tunes of the *Veritas* phonics song, "How Many Sounds?" It is a great little ditty that summarizes the main sounds of each vowel. We are approaching the end of the *Phonics Museum* curriculum for each grade level. The first grade students will move on to focus on comprehension using texts (trade books versus targeted readers). The kindergarten students will begin the second book of the *Phonics Museum*.

### Language Arts

Our 1st graders read two books this week. The first was *Caught in Smiles*. This story relates the story of the wicked French



Queen Mother, Catherine, as she tries to subvert the Protestant upbringing of Henry IV. The second book (and the last of our readers) is called *Father's Faith*. It is a touching tale of a father and son on a camping trip. The father relates short anecdotes to his son about early Christian heroes. We also spent time reviewing and practicing handwriting. The kindergarten students continued working on consonant digraphs (TH, SH, WH, and CH) and adding "es" for plural words ending in sh and ch. They are making tremendous progress.

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"...HOW MANY SOUNDS DOES A MAKE?"

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### Math

Our kindergarten students continued to work on doubles plus one facts this week. We are also constantly reviewing the tricky minus two facts. The first graders are identifying geometric solids, reviewing minus 8 facts, and began measuring using centimeters. They also began the (oh, so exciting) MULTIPLICATION by TENS this weeks. Of course, it was so easy for our young scholars that we will certainly have to try something more challenging... like multiplication by 100!

### History

We are wrapping up our study of the first 500 years of "AD History". We will do just a brief survey of the middle ages over the next month.

### Music

We continue to learn and practice patriotic songs. If you haven't heard "You're a Grand Ol' Flag!" around the house, I'd be very surprised.

### Art

Our goal continues to be to train the eye to see what they are to draw. This week I had them draw a very small detail of a picture to help them focus on lines without knowing how the final picture looks. The result was very interesting.

Peace and Grace!

## TALKING POINTS

### CHRISTIAN?

#### Biblical World View

- All things are under the dominion of Christ and for the glory of Christ!
- The Bible is accurate in all it affirms. (Particularly as it relates to issues such as creation, the nature of children, the authority and responsibility of parents to train and discipline)

#### Biblical Climate

- Love and respect are taught and expected.
- Gospel Grace is preeminent.

### CLASSICAL?

#### Content

- Traditional "Liberal Arts"
- Emphasis on historic Western culture and Great Books
- Latin (beginning in 3rd grade)

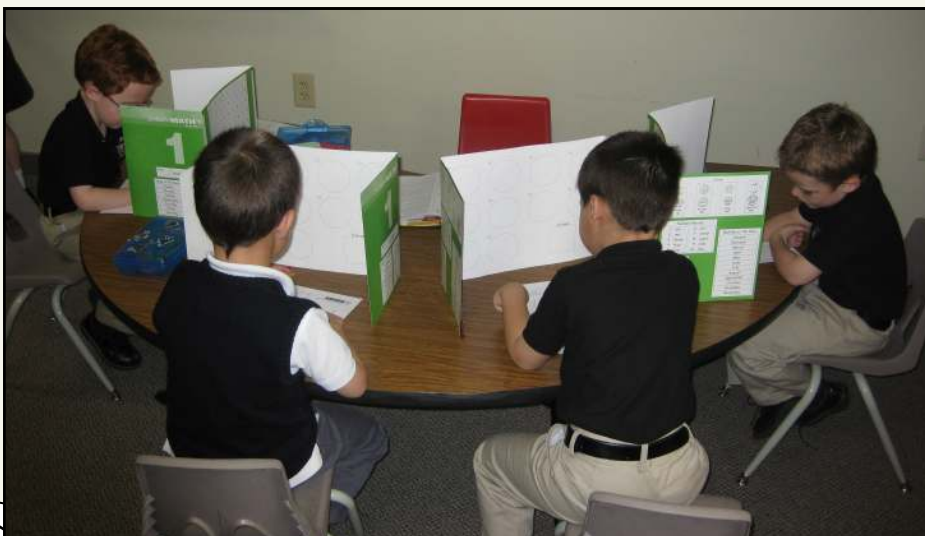
#### Method

- Use of the Trivium as a framework for teaching methodology
- GRAMMAR - elementary grades
- LOGIC - middle grades
- RHETORIC - upper grades
- Rigorous academics



Mrs. Gomez doing math fact match up with our kindergarten boys. (above)

The boys in their "math offices" doing a speed drill. (below)



## RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Please complete the re-enrollment form and return it to Mr. Johnston as soon as you can. You may elect to make the deposit at a later time **on or before June 1st, 2009.**

If you intend to apply for financial aid for next year, you may begin that process as soon as you have your '08 tax information. We have again contracted with FFNA as a third party financial needs assessor. The details for our tuition policy and how to apply for financial assistance can be found online. Please review this policy and contact me if you have any questions. Remember the *Lump Sum Discount* is available until June 1st, 2009.

**Don't forget!!!**

**PROSPECTIVE PARENT NIGHT**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24th**  
6:30 to 8:30

**OPEN HOUSE**

There will be opportunity to visit the Bradford rooms and see what the students are learning.

**Informational Presentation**

7:00 - 7:20

**Q & A**

7:20 - 7:45

**Psalm 18:28**

For You will light my lamp;  
The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

**John 14:6**

Jesus said to him,  
"I am the way, the truth,  
and the life.  
No one comes to the Father  
except through Me.

**1 Cor. 14:40**

Let all things  
be done decently  
and in order.

**Gen. 1:1**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Proverbs 21:23**

Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from trouble.

**1 Cor. 10:13**

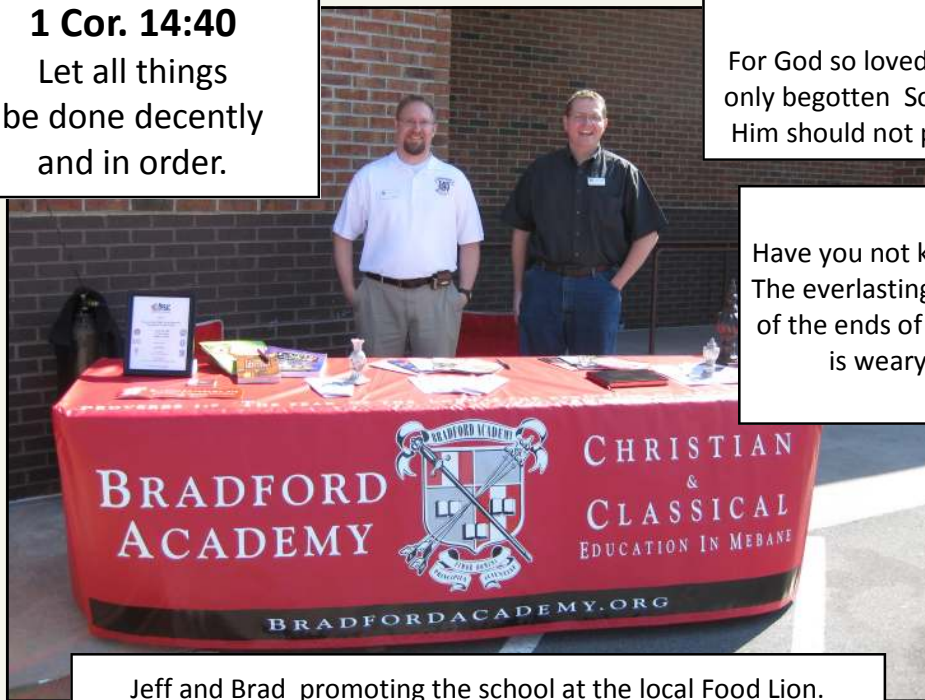
No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

**John 3:16**

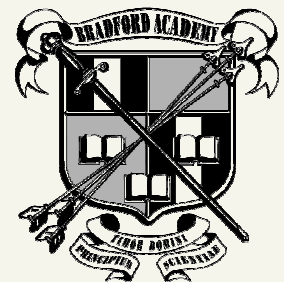
For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Is. 40:28**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.



Jeff and Brad promoting the school at the local Food Lion.



**I John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

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