

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:

- **Third Quarter Report Cards** are included in this week's folder.
- **PARENT CONFERENCES**
I would like to meet with each family for a conference during the month of April. Please email a couple suggested times that you might be available to meet at the school.
- **SPRING BREAK:**
April 10th to the 19th
- **Application Fee Waived** for any application received before Mar. 31st
- **Patriotic Program:**
May 14th @ 7:00PM
- **RE-ENROLLMENT Letter**
Due by JUNE 1st.
- **MEMORY WORK:**
- This week: REVIEW
- Next week:

SPECIAL PRAYER

- **Tuition assistance:** We would like to find sponsors for at least four students.
- Wisdom as we make plans for next year.
- We have received six applications for next year's kindergarten class. Pray for wisdom as we process those applications.



THE START OF FOURTH QUARTER

This week began the final quarter of Bradford Academy's maiden voyage. It has been an exciting journey and one that has been blessed in many ways. Chief among those blessings has been the tremendous involvement of our parents. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and expressions of support. The Open House this week was an encouragement and an opportunity to reflect. It is encouraging to be able to



"show off" a little as we displayed our program and the students' work. It is good to talk about our program and see parents visibly impressed. I was able to show parts of the video from November's Bradford Night to one visiting couple who expressed much excitement about what we are doing.



It was also a time to reflect upon the great responsibility we have taken upon ourselves. We have not simply decided to start a school, we have decided to rebuild an educational paradigm that we ourselves have not experienced and one that is radically counter-cultural. Although we have history on our side, it often feels as though we are swimming upstream. We need to continue to educate ourselves and hold ourselves to the highest standard of excellence. This is especially important since we have attached the name of Christ to our endeavor and must only bring Him glory and praise. Continue to pray!

This week was short but here is a sketch of our activities.

Language Arts

Our 1st graders practiced using a table of contents, looking up verses in the Bible and finding cross references. We have also been singing the 2 *Books of the Bible* songs. We

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have also been working on our writing skills and wrote a proper thank you note including an addressed envelope. The kindergarten students continued working on consonant digraphs (TH, SH, WH, and CH). We have also been practicing handwriting and copy work.

Math

Our kindergarten students are working on counting and using tally marks, dividing shapes into halves and quarters, reading a clock, and counting dimes and pennies. We also began adding 10 to a number.

The first graders learned how to add three digit numbers, multiply by 5's, and how to write multiplication sentences.

History

We began our study of the Middle Ages by learning about some of the events that marked the beginning of this period including the Pope becoming head of the Western church, fall of the Western Roman Empire to the barbarians, and the birth of Islam. I recently heard a lecture that put the dates at 461 AD (Council of Calcedon) to 1461 AD (the birth of DaVinci) as the beginning and end of the Medieval Period. For the sake of our class we'll say 500 AD - 1500 AD to keep things simple.

Since Islam and the European fight against it plays such an important role in the middle ages, I anticipate some interesting questions may present themselves. It would be good to discuss at home some of the current issues and gospel efforts to reach Muslims as the opportunity arises.

Don't forget that report cards are coming home today. I would like to meet with each family for a conference during the month of April. Please email a couple suggested times that you might be available to meet at the school. I am available immediately after school and most evenings with some notice.

Grace and Peace!



TALKING POINTS - RE: CHILDREN WHAT MAKES BRADFORD ACADEMY CHRISTIAN AND CLASSICAL?

CHRISTIAN?

Children, as human beings, have in their nature two distinct realities that educators must take into account.

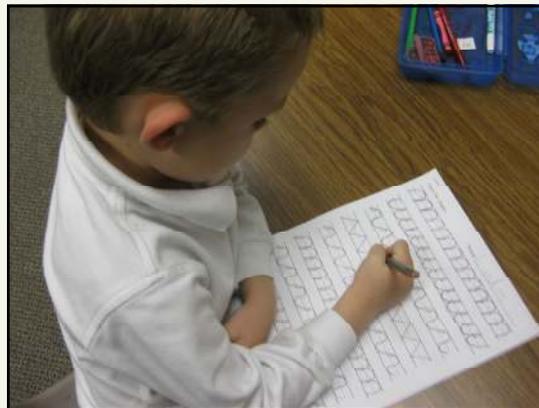
- Image bearers of the living God: Therefore endowed with dignity, unique intrinsic worth, deserving of love, moral responsibility, and creative and intellectual potential and PURPOSE.
- Fallen in Adam: Therefore, not morally neutral or good, naturally foolish and inclined to sin.

Children, as children, have unique characteristics and responsibilities.

- Childish and immaturity (i.e. not all mistakes are a result of sin)
- Special responsibility to:
 - submit to parents / authority,
 - to avoid bad company,
 - labor in education.

But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them for such is the kingdom God."

Luke 18:61



RE-ENROLLMENT

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.**

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.

Mark the date...

PATRIOTIC PRESENTATION

THURSDAY, MAY 14th
7:00 to 8:30

Presentation at 7PM

The students will recite and sing a tribute to our heritage and heroes!

Reception to follow!

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

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.

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.

1 Cor. 14:40

Let all things be done decently and in order.

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

Proverbs 21:23

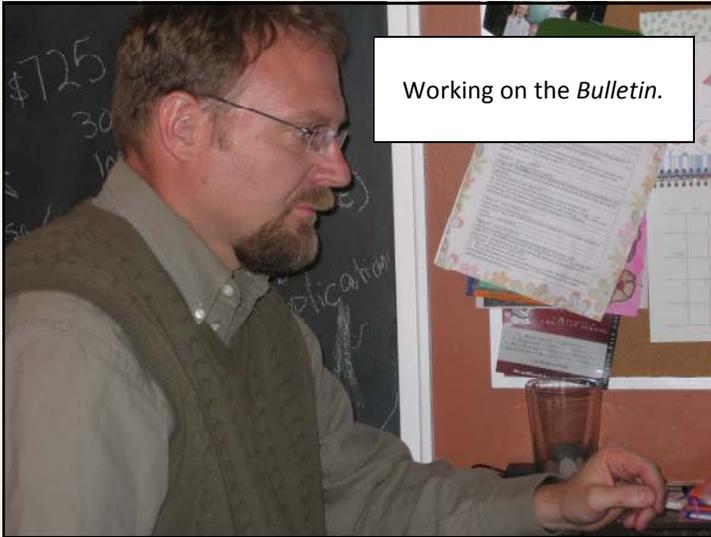
Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from trouble.

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.

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.



Working on the *Bulletin*.

SONGS WE ARE PRACTICING

Star Spangled Banner (verses 1 and 2)
America (My Country 'Tis of Thee) (four verses)
Grand Ol' Flag

Another verse to rehearse....

Mat. 6:9-13, Romans 11:33-36, I Cor.13:3-7,
Psalm18:28, Prov.1:7, Gen.1:1...

John 1:1

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**

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