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BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE





SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Patriotic Program: May 14th @ 7:00PM
- Memorial Day May 25th
- Last Day June 4th
- RE-ENROLLMENT Letter Due by JUNE 1st.
- MEMORY WORK:
- This week: Proverbs 14:34 - Next week: REVIEW

SPECIAL PRAYER

- Tuition assistance: We would like to find sponsors for at least four students.
- We have received nine applications for next year's kindergarten class and four others. Pray for wisdom as we process those applications.



We hope you have a great Easter and a very restful Spring Break! The way my vacations go, I'll probably need a vacation by the end of the week! Lord willing, I'll get my spring cleaning and yard work done. I will also be working on plans for the remainder of the year, so I would covet your prayers. We've got a lot to do, so don't forget to read with your kids over the break to keep them sharp!



We have had a good week. The trip to the library went very well despite the driving rain. The librarian was again very helpful and was delightful during her re-telling of *The Princess and the Pea*. Ms. Harkey spent quite a bit of time showing the kids the many great books that the library had on the Medieval Period and then spent more time helping the girls find more books to check out. I think we must have cleaned out every book they had that was even remotely connected to the Middle Ages.

History

As we finish up our study of the Middle Ages, I have become increasingly fascinated by the effects the Gospel had on civilizing the wild lands of the fallen Roman Empire. Despite the gradual corruption of the church during that period, there was so much grace that spread throughout Europe. Christ was building His Church and continues in our day. It was especially exciting discussing the victory of the "Christian" army of Charles Martel who stopped the spread of Islam into Europe at the Battle of Tours. We also recounted the legends of King Arthur and Beowulf and discussed chivalry. May the Lord bless these lessons to make brave knights and fair maidens out of our dear

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children!

Art

We finished our "family shields" today. I plan to have them displayed the evening of our Patriotic Presentation. Although we violated a few rules of heraldry, we had fun making a Coat of Arms!

Language Arts

We have been reading some favorite children's books and working on comprehension. This week we read *The* Little engine That Could, Floss, and Harry the Dirty Dog. We also worked on writing direct quotes.

The kindergarten students continued working on consonant digraphs and began working with ING, ANG, and ONG. We have also been practicing handwriting and copy work.

Math

Our kindergarten students are working on reading a clock (o'clock and half past), and counting by 100 to one thousand. We are also adding 10 to a number.

The first graders learned about intersecting and perpendicular lines. They also continue to practice adding three digit numbers, multiplying by 5's, 10's, and 2's.

Don't forget to 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!

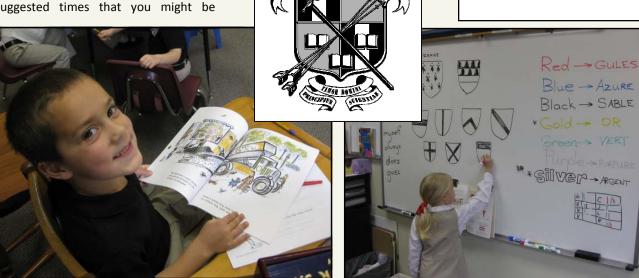


TALKING POINTS RE: UNIFORMS

Every school has a uniform and a code of dress. The issue here is regarding who will define that standard of dress. If the adults in authority do not, the children will. This in turn really means the profiteers of youth culture will define what is appropriate clothing. I would rather that not be the case.

Here are a few other thoughts about uniforms:

- A uniform creates a neat and tidy "ready-to-learn" climate and contributes to a pleasant business like approach to learning.
- Uniforms help to establish a sense of school spirit and a tradition of excellence.
- It avoids onsite value judgments as to the appropriateness of an article of clothing (esp. regarding modesty, etc.).
- Should save families time and money preparing for school.
- Obvious security benefit on field trips and on the playground.
- Limits the adolescent desire to define his or her identity based upon the outward appearance. The hope is that students would learn to focus on character and aspects of their internal personality.



Mark the date

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.

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.

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.

PATRIOTIC RESENTATION

Proverbs 21:23

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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.

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

When a student gets the camera...

SONGS WE ARE PRACTICING

- Star Spangled Banner (vs. 1 & 2)
- America (My Country 'Tis of Thee...) (4 verses)
- Grand Ol' Flag
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Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

John 1:1

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

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