

BRADFORD BULLETIN

BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**
 - Bradford Night
Nov. 17th @ 7:00PM
 - Thanksgiving (no school)
Nov. 25th - 27th
 - Mebane Christmas Parade
Dec. 4th @ 6:30PM
 - INFORMATION Night
Dec. 8th @ 7:00PM

- **MEMORY**
 - Kindergarten
This week: **Ps. 92:1**
Next week: Review
 - 1st / 2nd
This week: **Rom. 12:1**
Next week: Review

PRAYER

- **Upcoming Events** - Please pray for the preparations leading up to the events, the students as they learn their material, and the presentations.



MORE RAINY DAYS

The students really enjoyed the beautiful weather we had last week, but have had to make their adjustment! To keep your spirit up during these dreary days, just think about the exciting times coming up. Next week is our annual Bradford Night, a tribute to our Pilgrim hero in time for Thanksgiving. I am excited to spend a few moments remembering this great man of faith. The week after is our Thanksgiving break. I pray it will be a refreshing time for all our Bradford family.

If you have not signed up for a conference yet, be sure to do that. Although we see you all often, we do want to dedicate a few moments to discuss the progress of all our students.

I was recently reminded in an NPR piece about the need for sleep, especially in a child's learning process. It reported that the current research seems to underscore what seems intuitive. That is, students who get the most sleep do better in school. As we head into this busy time of year, remember to maintain early bed times as much as it possible

Peace and grace.



TIMOR DOMINI PRINCIPIMUM SCIENTIAE

FROM
MR. JOHNSTON
1ST/2ND GRADE &
HISTORY AND SCIENCE

Language Arts:

- 1st grade continued to practice our work on silent e and added y as a vowel this week. We also started work on dividing syllables. We read a delightful biography of the Wright Brothers and their historic first flight!
- 2nd grade began considering the vital skill of discerning between fact and opinion. We also began using a dictionary. You may see little black and white readers coming home periodically. These are quick read and are simply used to reinforce the words and skills we are studying.

I am looking forward to Bradford night which will give our students the opportunity to demonstrate some of their academic achievements. One of the highlights will be their grammar chants!

Math:

- 1st grade worked on fractions ($1/2$, $1/4$, and $1/8$) and counting using tally marks, odd numbers (forwards and backwards), and identifying tens and ones. We also learned a card game called Sums of Ten which should help us practice those vital facts.
- 2nd grade spent time this week adding two digit numbers using mental computation. It is challenging but they managed to catch on very well. We also discussed naming line segments as well as triangles (equilateral, isosceles, and scalene).

History:

- Kindergarten is working on the next verse of the *BC History Fact song*. We discussed the exciting story of Persia's attempt to conquer

mainland Greece and their defeat at the Battle of Marathon.

- 1st and 2nd grade continued working on their timeline of North Carolina. We will begin discussing the Civil War next week.

Science:

- 1st and 2nd grades began studying the human skeletal system. We learned about the general characteristics of bones and the fact that they are living.
- Kindergarten discussed curiosity and the scientific method.



FROM
MRS. OGLE
KINDERGARTEN &
SPECIALS

Math: This week the students learned how to cover a design in different ways using different pattern block shapes. They also learned how to count by 10s to 100 and subtract one from a number.

Language Arts: We reviewed the short Ee sound and read some words with short Ee in the middle. We also talked about ending sounds in words and read

some new words. Next week, we are planning to read our very first book!

P. E.: Our indoor P.E. class this week, allowed us to practice identifying left and right, following directions with a partner, and working together as a team toward a common goal. The students especially enjoyed the game "Mirror, Mirror" and how they had to "mirror" the movements of their partner.

Art: The students learned that lines which meet and enclose space make up shapes. They learned how the lines in geometric shapes (ex. square) and organic shapes (ex. flower petal) differ from each other. Geometric shapes feel hard and sharp and organic shapes feel soft and natural. They also learned that sometimes objects are a combination of both. They were able to put this into practice a bit by exploring several "rooms" (forest, garden, kitchen) containing different items and decide which kind of shapes (geometric, organic, or both) they saw. For example, when the students visited the garden and saw a leaf they would look at the shape of the leaf and decide that it fell into the organic shape category because the lines felt soft. You can also ask your child to look around your home for other geometric and organic shapes they see. Once you start though, they may not want to stop!



MEBANE CHRISTMAS PARADE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th

We have applied for participation in the 2009 Mebane Christmas Parade. Unfortunately, we have not been confirmed yet. Never-the-less, we thought it prudent to begin making preparations so as not to surprise anyone. We have lined up a nice flatbed trailer that we will decorate as a snowy Christmas park scene. Below I have listed the plans as they presently stand. If you have any questions or are available to help, please contact Amy Fairchild at acfairchild@gmail.com.

Volunteers

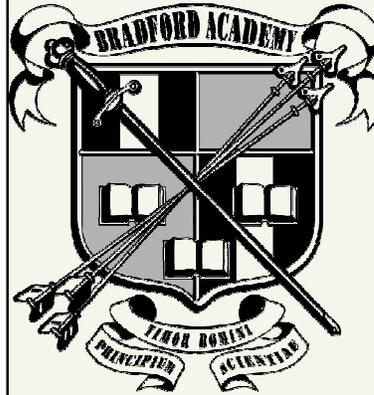
- We need at least 4 or 5 volunteers (men needed) to assemble and decorate trailer on day of parade starting at 8:00 AM.
- One mom to ride in truck for first aid etc. Jeremy Fairchild will be driving.
- Volunteer to disassemble the next morning (9:00 AM at GRBC)

Details

- Costumes are being ordered (girls will wear a matching beret, shawl, gloves, and scarf; boys will wear a newsboys hat, scarf, and gloves) – We would like each parent to contribute \$20 for each child. You will keep the hat, gloves, and scarf. (If this is a burden for your family at this time, please let me know.)
- Drop Off Time – **NO LATER than 6:30PM**
- Drop Off Location – To be determined (near Walker's funeral Home).
- Pick Up – To be determined (near EM Yoder Elementary School).

We will let you know more details as they come.

DON'T FORGET



UPCOMING EVENTS

Bradford Night: This is a great opportunity for your friends and family to see what we are doing and invite anyone you know who may be interested in our school.

Please plan to have your child at the church at 6:30 in DRESS UNIFORM.

Information Night: For those people who may be interested in the vision and philosophy of Bradford Academy, we will provide an opportunity for more information and discussion on Dec. 8th. All are welcome.

BRADFORD ACADEMY

LOGO WEAR

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Austerfield

Veronica, Cecelia,
Reagan, Joseph

Scrooby

Landon, Luke,
Kaitlyn, Chip, Bella

Leiden

Avonlea, Jack,
Olivia, Thys

Plymouth

Emma, Elena,
Sailor, Lucy, Joshua

