

BRADFORD BULLETIN

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

• Don't forget that the application fee is being waived for new students until the end of February. If you know of anyone interested in applying, please pass on this information.

• **PRESIDENTS' DAY (NO SCHOOL)**
Monday, Feb. 15th

• **Information Night:** 7:00PM
Tuesday, Feb. 23rd

• **Field Trip - DUKE GARDENS**
Tuesday, Mar.30th

• **Sing at the MARC**
Friday, May 21st

• **Patriotic Program**
Thursday, May 27st

• **Memory Verse:**
- K - Ro 11:33-35
- 1/2 - Jer 9:23-24

• **Other Memory:**
Preamble to the Constitution

• **Songs:** *Amazing Grace & Pass Me Not*

• **RAISE MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP...**

If you shop at Harris Teeter, please link your *VIC Card* to Bradford Academy. Our school code is #8111.

PRAYER

• For growing interest from our community and enrollment for next year.

• Strength, faithfulness, wisdom, and creativity for you child's teacher.



MERIT BADGES

While working at my old school I often looked over our student body of 700+ K through 8th graders and wondered what God's providence had in store for them. Each one of them, I pondered, was an individual whose life story was still a grand mystery. Each child also possessed an eternal living soul. The thing about that final thought was that I could do so little to influence the destiny of that eternal soul. We did our best to instill virtue, and love of learning, and a good work ethic. But at the end of the day, the children still had to have dealings with their Holy Creator and Judge. This reality was among the many that helped form the conviction to establish Bradford Academy.

This morning I looked over our student body of 18 and explained to them the meaning of the phrase "Trusting only in Thy merit..." from the hymn we are learning. It is a good old hymn and like so many of the classic sacred songs, the words sometimes seem strange to our modern ears. I proceeded to explain to the children that merit is something you earn for doing something good. I used the example of merit badges that I had to earn when I was in cub scouts (I was then asked, "Why did you have to earn a marriage badges when you were a kid?"). I would learn some new skill or do some good work and receive a merit badge. I then asked the students if my merit badges were enough to get into heaven. They rightly answered, "No!" I asked why. I was pleasantly surprised by the answers the students offered. In short they recognized three things, 1) we could

never earn enough merit badges, 2) we still have to deal with our "bad things", and 3) only Jesus could ever have enough merit badges. I concluded with the reminder that we can never do enough good things to be able to trust in our own merit, in short, we have a problem. That is why we need a Savior, that is why we sing, "...trusting only in Thy merit... save me by thy grace."

I hope as we speak truth to our children, a little here and a little there, seeds are being planted and the spirit of God will water them and cause them to bear fruit!

Peace and grace.



TIMOR DOMINI PRINCIPIUM SCIENTIAE

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

Language Arts:

- 2nd - The 2nd graders are now learning upper case letters in cursive! Soon we'll make the switch! We continued with the "continental A" in phonics. This week we began reading the novel *Little House in the Big Woods*.
- 1st - We read *Red Hood*, the amusing spy story, continued vowel digraphs (adding oi/oy), manuscript practice, and parts of speech.

Math:

- 2nd - worked on multiples of 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 10.
- 1st - adding two and three 2 digit numbers, and we reviewed subtraction focusing on minus facts.

History:

- K - This week we continued to look at the First 500 years of Christian history. We introduced Constantine and began looking at the fall of Rome in the West.
- 1st/2nd - NC history, 20th Century. This week we talked about the Cold War, Berlin Wall, Korean War, and Vietnam.

Science:

- 1st/2nd - We continued our study of birds of North America. Be sure to ask your child about the bird sound-off and the bird sounds!
- K - Continued our look at volcanoes.



FROM
MRS. OGLE
 KINDERGARTEN &
 SPECIALS

Math: This week we learned and practiced the doubles plus one facts. We also estimated and measured area using nonstandard units and combined geometric shapes to make new shapes.

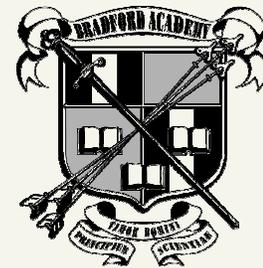
Language Arts: This week we learned the sound of short **U u** as in umbrella. The students saw that words can start with the short u sound (as in *umbrella*) or have the short u sound in the middle of the word (as in the word *cut*). The students also practiced writing the capital and lower case u paying attention to where each letter started and how it sat on the line (sky, fence, and ground).

P. E. : Our indoor P.E. this week allowed for some fun with the parachute. The students practiced following directions and working together as a team. In one parachute game, the goal was to keep several balls on the parachute while waving it up and down. It was easy for the students to see that they really had to work together and follow directions to keep the balls in the parachute.

Music: We talked about music with dramatic improvisation this week. Students worked in groups to act out a story to music. The students really did a great job working together and were very creative with their stories. Ask your child to tell you the story they performed in their group.

**Prospective Parent
 Informational Meeting**

**Tuesday Feb. 23rd
 7:00PM**



Art: The students continued and completed work on their clay "animal" sculptures this week while thinking about color and lines. We talked about the color wheel and used complimentary colors to add detail to the sculptures using different kinds of lines. The complimentary colors really made the details "pop" out. I will be displaying their sculptures in my room, so feel free to come by and see them.

Note: Please send a 16 oz plastic bottle (a water or soda bottle would work well) with your child next Thursday for Art. I have a few extra bottles I would like to share, so please feel free to let me know if you are in need of one. Also, please send a old shirt for Thursday and Friday. Thank you!

