

BRADFORD BULLETIN

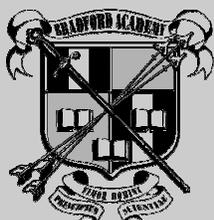
BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Labor Day Weekend** - No school on Friday, Sept. 3rd and Monday Sept. 6th.
- **MEBANE on the MOVE** - Saturday, Sept. 11th @ 9:30AM
- **Field Trip - Oct. 11th** - Colonial Days at Alamance Battleground
- **MEMORY** -
 - Last Week - Prov. 1:7
 - This week - 1 Cor. 13:4-8a
 - Next - K/1 - 1 Cor. 13:4-8a
 - 2/3 - Prov. 26:20, 21

PRAYER

- **Students** - Pray that we would abundantly serve the needs of every child.
- **Enrollment** - We will begin promotion for the 2011/2012 enrollment soon. As always, pray for God's direction and blessing!
- **Pray for one another** - The staff is in need of constant spiritual strength. We know you are as well. We have been given a stewardship and we intend to glorify God by it. Pray that God would give to us what He requires.



EXCELSIOR!

Ever higher! This is the Latin motto of the school where you will find my younger brother teaching. I think it is an excellent word that well describes the spirit of our young scholars on the new playground equipment. My hope is that it will also describe their attitudes toward their academic pursuits. Every child has the opportunity to grasp at more and more learning. Once they know how to read, their ascent up the mountain of knowledge will become increasingly exciting. For example, in the upper class we have begun Latin this year with earnest and the third graders have entered into the world of Homer (the poet not the Simpson) by reading a brilliant children's version of his epic *The Iliad*. While we are venturing into some fresh and exciting territory, the key to progress still lies in the heart of the child himself. With God's help, we can motivate, excite, and stoke those flames of curiosity, but at the end of the day the child himself must go ever higher. C.S. Lewis once said this, "The only people who achieve much are those who want knowledge so badly that they seek it while



the conditions are still unfavorable., favorable conditions never come." We have high expectations for our children; we have high hopes for them. Let us make it our prayer that they would catch that sense of excitement and grow in their love of learning. Let us pray that by the grace of God their academic career would be characterized by striving ever higher! Excelsior!



Peace and grace!

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FROM
MR. JOHNSTON
2ND / 3RD GRADE &
HISTORY AND SCIENCE

Language Arts:

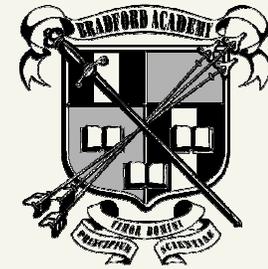
- 2nd - We have begun this year with review of all previous concepts and sight words. We have put down a strong foundation and will be working to strengthen their fluency and comprehension. Grammar class focused on review of our definition jingles and putting words in alphabetical order.
- 3rd - Our "senior" students have begun reading the exciting *Black Ships Before Troy*. It is a wonderful retelling of Homer's *Iliad*. Your child will soon be telling you that there is a lot more to know about the story than the wooden horse. We began to practice the skill of exercising Christian discernment as we read about the exploits of the various characters. We are asking, "What does this teach us?" and "Is this a good example or bad?"

Math: Both classes have started the year with heavy doses of review. We even added those beloved speed drills this week!

K/1st History: This week we began at the beginning, literally. We discussed the first days of creation and will move through Old Testament history. It is good review for the first graders who will move on to modern history for the second half of each class. Their focus will be more on American and North Carolina history.

2nd/3rd History: This year we turn our history clocks back to c. 2200 B.C. and work our way chronologically through the empires of ancient Greece and Rome. Along the way we will also highlight those events that connect to the biblical narrative. You will find your child coming home with one new flashcard each week. It will highlight the event or topic for that week. We just finished a brief look at the Minoan culture.

K/1st Science: Our younger scholars began the year asking and answering these questions: What is SCIENCE? (*The study of God's physical works of creation.*) How do we do science and what do we use to do it? (*We ask questions, read/research, and make observations using our*



senses and various scientific tools.)

2nd/3rd Science: Our first unit this year is a study of LIGHT and the human eye. We learned this week that light travels fast and straight. We can control light three basic ways (quiz your kids). We watched as a glass of water was used to bend a laser beam. We also began this unit's SOUND OFF!

2nd Latin: Chapter One introduced us to the Latin pronunciation of the letters, a few vocabulary words, and the *Vale Song*.

3rd Grade Latin: Our new text, *Latin for Children*, has made our first foray into Latin grammar an enjoyable one. We learned 1st Conjugation verb AMO (I love) and several new nouns and verbs. We will have a quiz at the end of each week. For added Latin practice, please allow your children to visit the website:

Headventureland.com





FROM MRS. OGLE

K/1ST & SPECIALS

Kindergarten Reading: This week we learned the short sound of letter Aa (apple) and the sound of letter M m (mummy). The students also learned how to write both capital and lower case A and M.

Kindergarten Math: The students learned how to write the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 this week. They also learned how to make towers for and order the numbers from 0-9. We also worked on placing objects on a graph and identifying a circle and square. Finally, we learned about the number of sides and angles of a square.

1st Grade Reading: This week we reviewed short vowels in the middle of words and alphabetical order. The students are also working on an alphabet picture book to review their letters.

1st Grade Math: This week we reviewed adding 0 and 1 facts, identifying addends, sums, and the Commutative Property of Addition, and Using Logical Reasoning to solve a problem. The students also learned

how to identify the time one hour ago and one hour from now. Finally, we talked about how to identify odd and even numbers.

1st Language Arts: The students learned that a noun names a person, place, thing, or idea. They also learned about common nouns and proper nouns.

SPECIALS

2nd/3rd Art: The students learned the characteristics of the Dot, Circle, and Line families. They drew a picture using elements from each of the families.

K/1st Art: We learned about the Dot and Circle Families this week. The students learned the characteristics found in each family. They also had some practice drawing dots and circles.

Music: This week we began the story, "Mozart's Magnificent Voyage". The characters in the story go back in time in their magical flying boat and learn about the life and music of Mozart.

2nd/3rd P. E. : We began our first lesson with aerobic endurance. The students played some games like, "Hit the Deck" and "Line Touch" to start working on endurance.

K/1st P. E. : The students learned the correct way to walk this week. They learned what their head, eyes, arms, hands, and legs do when walking. The students also practiced the axial movements of bending, stretching, and turning while they walked.

Please Note: We will have PE class each Thursday. Students should bring running shoes to wear for PE class.

NEXT WEEK for PE: 2nd and 3rd grade should bring a soccer ball if they have one. Thanks!



GET YOUR MOVE ON!

This year Bradford Academy will be participating in the 4th Annual Mebane on the Move Fitness Festival. This event sponsored by the Mebane Women's Club features a family friendly Mebane Mad Dash One Miler! Please consider participating in this local event. It would be great if we could have all of our families represented sporting Bradford T-shirts and showing support for this fitness initiative. See you downtown!

Saturday, Sept. 11th

(Fee - \$1 donation)

REGISTRATION: 9:00 AM

RACE: 9:30AM

