



BEATITUDE

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:10

JOY ANGEL'S MISSION EMPHASIS

Community & School Helpers
 Random Acts

CHAPEL PRESENTATIONS

- May 5 JOY, Special Guest
- May 12 Birthday Celebration/3rd grade presentation
- May 19 Bible Show-and-Tell/ Adopt a Grandparent Report
- May 26 Knight, Enrichment, & Classroom Awards

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 11 Student Council @ 2:45
- May 14 Field Day/Early Release
- May 21 PreK Graduation @ 1:30
- May 27 6th Grade Graduation @ 9:00
- May 27 Last Day of School/Class Parties / Early Release

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- May 9 Colby Wilkens
- May 12 Kailey Ownby
- May 12 Delaney Mooney
- May 23 Joshua Briggs
- May 26 Austin Statler
- May 31 Brooklyn Damiano

Listening to many of you talk lately, I have been reminded of the busyness young families experience as you are pulled in all directions trying to get to ball practices, dance class, boy/girl scouts, school events, homework, extended family obligations, and on and on. And then, just around the corner is summer, when children will be with you 24-7.

There is truth in God's word about Christian living which can make life less difficult. The truth is this: Whatever trial or task comes our way in life, believers will receive the strength we need to face that trial or task. I'd like to reflect on two promises that give this assurance. Be encouraged by Matthew 11:28. "Come to me when you are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Give it all to God.

- When you are too tired to go on
- When you don't have the right answer
- When you are hurting.
- When you don't have the basics of life
- When you are disappointed.

The Bible is full of information on how to live life and how to deal with any situation that comes our way. 2 Cor. 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you. . ." **Sufficient** is one of those words whose meaning expands and amplifies with need. No need is so small that it can't be included and none is so great that it can go beyond the capacity of the blessing that is promised.

We can be sure that no human need can ever exhaust His power to give help. So when you fill like your children are "growing on the go" and life's burdens, duties, responsibilities, struggles and perplexities seem to come on all at once-know that God will help get you through them all.

Have a wonderful summer with your children and enjoy each moment, relying on God's word and help, remembering the song CCA children so often sing, taken from 1 Thess. 5:17 *Pray Without Ceasing*: Pray in the morning. Pray in the noontime. Pray when the day is through. Pray when you're happy. Pray when you're worried. Pray when you don't know what to do. Pray without ceasing. Pray, pray, just pray—

"My grace is sufficient for you."

CCA PRINCIPAL

TEACHING THE WHOLE CHILD THE WHOLE TRUTH

"The vision of Celina Christian Academy is to develop effective leaders who embody Godly character, academic achievement, and biblical truths to influence society for the glory of God."

PRE-K

The month of April has been full of activities. Pre-K has learned all about bugs and their life cycle and the growth of grass in the classroom! We have learned all of our letters and numbers and are reading individual readers with our teachers. The students even wrote and illustrated their very own ABC book. We were very excited to perform in the Spring Program and show off all of our work to our parents at Open House. Pre-K will be preparing for graduation on May 21 and looking forward to Kindergarten next year!

KINDERGARTEN

Spring has sprung in the Kindergarten class. The students have been learning about the ladybug cycle as well as the characteristics of an insect. They have decorated kites that will be displayed on the hall bulletin board for all to see! Our next Unit of study will be the Ocean. Students will sing the ocean song, eat gummy fish and paint an ocean scene. The children will have the opportunity to write a story called "what if I were a fish in the ocean." Our ocean riddle: What kind of hair do you need to go to the beach? WAVY!!!!

FIRST GRADE

In First Grade, we have been so busy! Our class has learned all about fractions and did quite well doing them. We have been studying the miracles of Jesus in Bible and emphasizing the story of Lazarus and the ten lepers. We have just begun our Texas unit in Heritage Studies and will continue it through May. In Science, we have studied ducks and swans and have done some fun experiments. We know May will be just as fun as April!

SECOND GRADE

This month has flown by. Our studies have taken us to learning about the British and colonists. We had a special guest (my son Nick) come and teach us a lesson on the Revolutionary War.

Easter led us to talk about our responsibilities as Christ's apostles. We are rocking on Bible drill. The students are getting so fast at finding the books of the Bible...they are amazing!

We have had a lot of opportunities to write. Our writing stories are so good and we have become very interesting writers. Second graders are very imaginative! Keep it up! Someday it will come in handy!

THIRD GRADE

April has been a busy month for 3rd grade! We had SAT testing-and we're glad it's over! Our class was well represented in the Spring program. Kensey was Rahab, Chris and Kaitlyn were Roman soldiers, and Jennah and Brooklyn were great announcers! Noah and Kailey made a great addition to the choir. They all did a super job!

We enjoyed helping Mrs. Perry, our class grandparent, celebrate her birthday. We loved hearing stories about her childhood and sharing her cookies!

FOURTH GRADE

4th grade was "flipping" with joy because "He is risen!" They made breakfast on their own before Easter. Measuring, mixing, cracking eggs, and flipping! Mrs. Pennau organized a wonderful resurrection relay race for our Easter party. It was great fun to witness the students hollering out what each activity represented and watching them race to wash their feet and carry the cross! Thanks Cindy!

← LAST MONTH CLASSROOM IN REVIEW

We've also enjoyed reading a new novel, Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiller-about two young children staying in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and solving a mystery about Michelangelo. In Science, the students made models of the eye and learned about shadows. Can't wait to "see" what they learn about digestion!

FIFTH-SIXTH GRADES

We have had an amazing April and are looking forward to the month of May! We have been studying probability, percentages, and proportions in math. The students are having fun putting what we learned into action by taking a survey on various topics and making graphs to display our results. In reading, fifth grade is continuing the novel, Number the Stars, which is tying in wonderfully with our study of WWII and the Jewish Holocaust. The sixth graders are enjoying their novel, The Westing Game, in which they are trying to use the clues given in the book to solve, "who did it?" In Science, we are finishing up a unit on sound. We have had fun exploring sounds outside, demonstrations with the piano, making our own sound slider, and painting to music.

ART

We have been studying the art element "FORM" in fine arts class by sculpting shapes and designs out of pipe cleaners and clay. We have enjoyed painting and have fun art projects using cutting, pasting, and drawing skills.

MUSIC

I am so proud of my music students for putting on a Great Spring Program! Thank you for your hard work in praising the Lord! We have also been working hard on our Adventures in Space, learning new songs and creating fun motions to go with the songs!

COMPUTER

Pre-K continues to do a great job with their sight words. Kindergarten made beautiful Spring pictures. First grade counted, graphed, and ate goldfish. Second grade made a PowerPoint showing the types of muscles and how they move. Third & Fourth grades learned all about binary code and wrote "secret" messages for their friends to decode. Fifth & Sixth grades learned the basics of flowcharting. The symbols and their meanings and how to breakdown a process step by step for a successful flowchart. Great job everyone!

SPANISH

During the month of April, we were very busy in Spanish class! The students were studying the people in our family, parts of the face and body, staying healthy and the animals that we love. In addition to learning new vocabulary words and conversational phrases, the students researched facts about Mexico.

P. E.

In P.E., we have been enjoying the beautiful Spring weather. The students have been doing chalk art, races, basketball, and touch football.

- #5 Nathan Kriechbaum hit a double for his Celina tee-ball team on April 12.
- Bryce Howard's Hockey team, Ice Jets, finished 3rd in the league this year.
- Dylan Rose & Phoenix Buchmiller won awards for sportsmanship and Christ likeness in Upward soccer. Dylan scored her first soccer goal and on scored 2 more in the game. Phoenix scored 1 goal and played awesome defense to help the team win the game!
- Wyatt McDonald hiked over 1 mile with his Cub Scout Den 7. He was also the best fisherman in the group!
- Eli Pritchard learned how to ride a horse by himself since starting horseback riding lessons. He also played his first season of basketball and received a trophy!
- Malison Fisher and Adelle Brackeen participated in the Children's Sabbath at FUMC Celina. They acted as greeters and sang in the children's choir.

LOOK WHAT WE DID!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 6	Phoenix Buchmiller
June 16	Sam McDonald
June 21	Camille & Christopher Pardo
June 22	Eli Pritchard
June 22	Madilyn Vana
June 27	Jamie Ownby
July 6	Caden Scott
July 7	Aubrey & Trey Walton
July 12	Hayden Rizzo
July 17	Hamilton Williams
July 29	Grant Williams

All CCA students did a phenomenal job in the Spring Program! Way to go! I am so proud of your hard work and awesome effort. You've had a great year and I know May will be wonderful too!!!

Mrs. Herron

PARENT TEACHER FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

We had a great crowd at the Spring Program! Thank you for letting us take the time to share in our PTF General Meeting. We have been working strong and hard and want to give everyone a chance to participate. Thank you for your participation in the election process for the upcoming year !

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all of this year 's PTF Board Members. You have been a fantastic group to work with and I appreciate all of your hard work. I am very excited about next year and all of the wonderful opportunities we have to serve our school! Have a wonderful summer!

God Bless,
Shally Fisher
PTF President

Notes From The Board

Dear Parents, Faculty, and CCA Supporters:

What is a teacher? If you look it up in a dictionary you get a pretty dry definition ... one who teaches or instructs. Wow, how insightful! I did some further research and found some other people's thoughts on what a teacher is. The two I particularly liked are as follows:

1. A teacher is someone who sees what can be accomplished, not what cannot be accomplished.
2. The definition of a teacher is to define the indefinable. A teacher is a guide, a mentor, a confidant, a friend, a disciplinarian, an informer, a provider of inspiration and imagination. A teacher is someone who knows when to intervene, and when to stand back and allow them to try for themselves and to learn from their failures.

Why did I bring this up? Next week is TEACHER APPRECIATION week. We all know that teachers don't do what they do for the money, they don't do it for fame, they do it because they love the children and they love to build into their little lives and characters and see them grow and flourish and know they had at least a little part in that metamorphosis.

We have some of the finest teachers anywhere right here at Celina Christian Academy. Everyday they come to school, they teach, they listen, they encourage, they correct, they wipe tears and runny noses and then come back the next day and do it again. All this they do for the love of the kids and the job.

During Teacher Appreciation week next week, or anytime the Spirit moves you, I encourage you to reach out to our teachers, tell them how much you appreciate them, tell them "thank you" and maybe do something special for them. As part of the week the Board of Trustees will be providing and serving lunch for the teachers on Tuesday, as a small token of our appreciation.

In closing, this will be the last installment of the Board Notes until school starts in the fall. Please remember the Tuesday Night Parent/Teacher/Members night on May 4th, 6-7:30 PM. I hope to see a great many of you there.

God Bless You All

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