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New School March Update

BY SFCA BOARD

These are exciting times at Seeds of Faith as we all work towards our move into our new school this fall. Over the long cold winter, the board and administration have been working on all the details that come with moving into a new school. We have all had to patiently sit back, waiting for the sign of spring so that we could execute the plan to bring our new school to life. We would like to give you an update on what has taken place over the winter, and what plans to be a busy spring and summer.

What's been going on....

- All utilities have been tested and approved by the proper authorities
- All of our teachers have visited the school and the initial classroom assignments have been made.
- All lighting inside and outside of the building has had maintenance.
- Roof has been inspected and has had maintenance.
- Snow removal and groundskeeping has been acquired for 2021 - 2022 school year.
- Open enrollment has begun and the marketing plan is near ready for release.
- Busing solutions for students outside provided coverage near completion.
- Projects that will require a certain skill set will soon be published for volunteer hours.
- Volunteer opportunities will follow the completion of the fore mentioned projects. (There will be plenty of opportunity for all to be involved very soon)
- We will be moving all Seeds of Faith belongings to Creekside between now and June 25th which is our deadline. (If you own a truck/trailer please watch for volunteer requests going forward)
- The building's security system, including front door access, and cameras is operational.
- Internet solutions have been attained and will be strong.

The excitement has been building and we are now ready to jump in with both feet so roll up our sleeves and sign up for the various volunteer opportunities at the new school.

We would ask everyone to continue to pray for our current school year and what God has for us in the new school and beyond. Pray for our school families, teachers, administration, board, community, building, and everything in between. God has delivered us to our new school home in Creekside, and it is up to us to carry out his command and to further his Kingdom. Together we will continue to move forward resting on his word, and wisdom for the completion of this year and what he has in store for the future of Seeds of Faith.

Dates & Deadlines

Take Home Folders



Take home folders will be sent home on Tuesday, April 13th. Monthly paper work will be due on Monday, April 19th.

Deadlines

TUITION


Tuition payments are due the 10th of each month. A \$40 late fee is applied if payment is not received by the 15th of the month. Please contact Jenn Filipovich; 724-463-7719 or filipovich@seedsoffaithacademy.org with questions.



SCRIP ORDERS

Scrip orders are due on Tuesday by 12pm and may be picked up Friday!

School Delays

A reminder, if SFCA does **NOT** close or delay, busing follows your home school district's closings or delay schedule. Students will be excused in these situations. Parents are welcome to transport their own children on days their district busing is delayed or not operating. Check local TV and radio stations, and text messages from 

Upcoming Dates.....

- 4/1-4/6 - Easter Break
- 4/7 - HS Wendy's
- 4/8 - Elem Wendy's
- 4/9 - Falcon Friday
- 4/9 - Senior Sundaes
- 4/12 - Elementary Swimming
- 4/13 - Take Home Folders
- 4/14 - HS Wendy's
- 4/15 - Elem Wendy's
- 4/19 - Lunch Forms Due
- 4/19-4/22 - Testing Grades 3-7
- 4/20 - PSAT grades 8/9 & 10
- 4/21 - HS Wendy's
- 4/22 - Elem Wendy's
- 4/23 - Senior Floats
- 4/27 - SAT Day
- 4/28 - HS Wendy's
- 4/29 - Elem Wendy's
- 4/30 - Pizza Thank You Lunch!

Always check the live
calendar online
SFCA LIVE CALENDAR

Student Perks

MILK CARDS

Milk Cards are \$6.00 for 20 cartons of milk.

Teacher Update: PS3 & K-Prep

BY MRS. MCCULLOUGH

KID YOU'LL MOVE
Mountains
- DR. SEUSS

The Cat in the Hat came to visit and read a book to us, "The ABC Book" by; Dr. Seuss



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We made green eggs and ham. K-prep, just like Sam I AM discovered, they LOVE green eggs and ham!! Yummy!



"Hosanna!"
"Blessed is he
who comes in
the name of the
Lord."

Mark 11:9
MEMORY VERSE



Teacher Update: Kindergarten

BY MRS. MARQUEZ

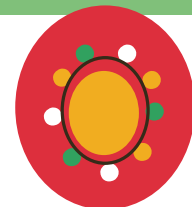


Kindergarteners love to learn!

Can we read? We sure can, and spell too! We practice isolating the sounds in words by using word builder cards. It's kind of like the spelling tests that the big kids take. The teacher says the word and we use letter cards to spell it.



In math, we've had lots of fun with measurement. We've used things like yarn and blocks to see the lengths of various objects. We also compared how much different containers hold and the heaviness of different objects.



Our sight word list is growing and growing. These are words that we don't have to even think about. We know them as soon as we look at them. It helps us read our decodable books. This is a picture of how we read into a whisper phone. The whole class can read out loud at the same time while using whisper phones and we don't even hear each other. We only hear our own voice. Ask us about it. We really like using whisper phones.



Teacher Update: 1st Grade

BY MRS. PARTIDA

We were privileged recently with a visit from Mrs. Beatty and some fuzzy friends! She brought a lamb, two ducklings, and two chicks. Not only were they adorable but we learned a lot about what it is like to raise and care for the animals. We have been learning about caring for animals in Science class and were able to incorporate what we learned into our class discussion. Mrs. Beatty kindly gave each student a copy of *The Crippled Lamb* by Max Lucado and we were able to also connect the story to what we have been learning in Bible class about the Lord's birth and love for us.

We have been learning about story elements and are getting ready to plan and write our own stories using characters, setting, problem, and solution to have a complete and cohesive thought. The students are getting really good at working with and identifying fact families in Math class. As we look forward to our last quarter, we are focusing on refining the skills we need to start 2nd grade. :)

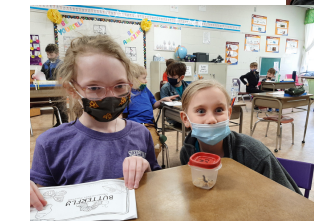
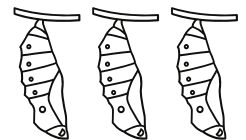
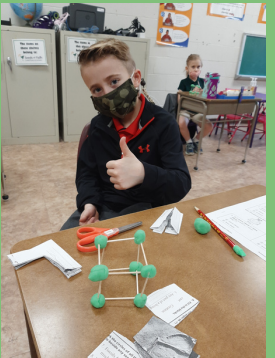


Teacher Update: 2nd Grade

BY MRS. MILLER

Second grade is really excited about the new topic of life cycles that we just began in Science. We started the unit by discussing the life cycle of frogs. Students loved the metamorphosis song we sang to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell". Ask one of them to sing it to you! Then, we moved into the life cycle of a butterfly. We are observing this life cycle for ourselves! We currently have caterpillars and are anxiously awaiting for them to form chrysalis and transform into butterflies. Isn't God's creation amazing?!

In March, we completed some hands-on activities in Math and Science. In Math, students had to use playdough and toothpicks to create a cube. In Science, second grade had to pretend their marshmallow was a small animal that needed protection and with toothpicks and gumdrops, quickly built a small house that protected their marshmallow.



Metamorphosis Song

Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell"

A frog laid an egg.
A frog laid an egg.
Croak, croak, croak, croak, croak,
And out a tadpole came!

The tadpole had a tail.
The tadpole had a tail.
Croak, croak, croak, croak, croak,
The tadpole lost its tail!

It changed into a frog.
It changed into a frog.
Croak, croak, croak, croak, croak,
It jumped upon the land!

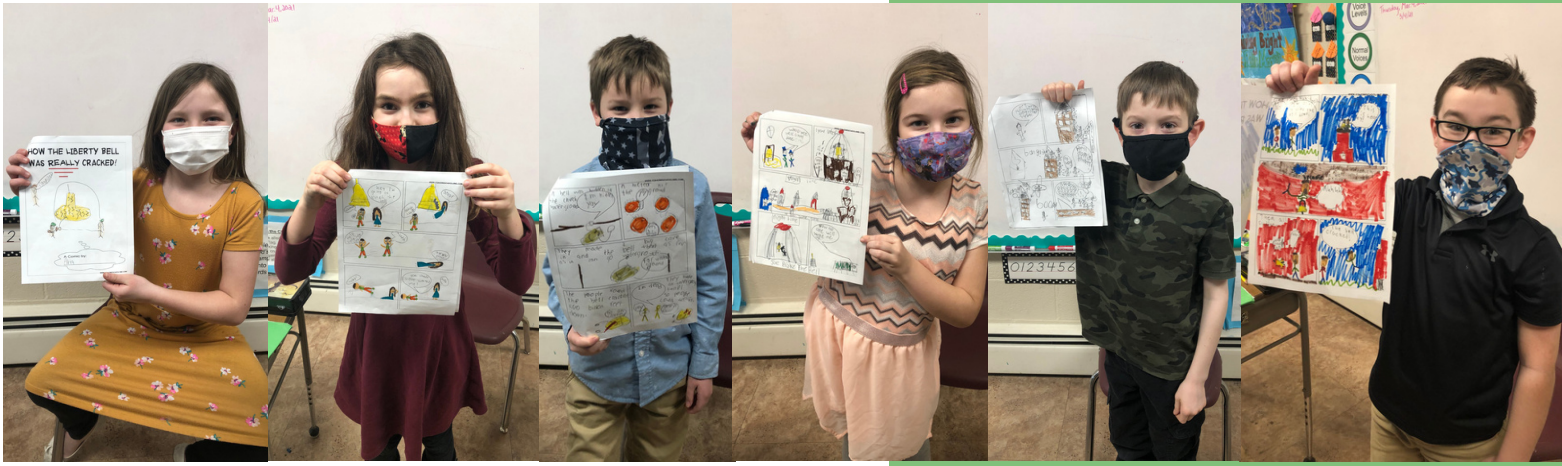
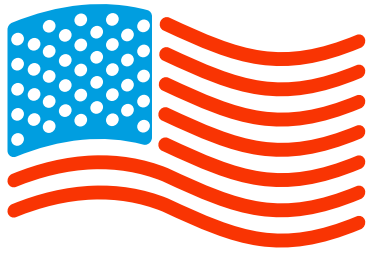
It's metamorphosis.
It's metamorphosis.
Egg to tadpole, then to frog,
It's metamorphosis!

Teacher Update: 3rd Grade

BY MRS. BENNETT



Wow, this year is just flying by! March was a busy and fun month in third grade. We completed a novel study of, "Because of Winn-Dixie" in Reading. The students have really come a long way in providing complete answers to comprehension questions that rephrase the question and use evidence from the text to support their response. Later in April, we will begin literature circles for our next novel! The students will have specific roles each week within their groups and they will run the discussions themselves while I monitor. I have no doubt that they will do a great job with this! In Math, we recently ended a unit on geometry. The students created awesome goart to show their knowledge of symmetry and types of lines and angles. Social Studies has been quite busy as well! Earlier this month, we learned all about our state of Pennsylvania. The students created silly comics explaining how they think the Liberty Bell was REALLY cracked. In reality, we learned that they rang the bell too many times on George Washington's birthday in 1846! After learning about PA, each student presented a booklet that they made about another state. They had to research their state's symbols and interesting facts, then design the pages into a booklet. They all turned out so good! I can't wait for all of the fun activities to come in the final quarter of this school year.



Teacher Update: 4th/5th Grade

BY MRS. WILSON

Psalms 69:30 I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during my leave of absence. My shoulder surgeries were very successful, and I am now prayerful that therapy will be as well. It is great to be back with these children! I am truly blessed to spend each day working with your son or daughter.

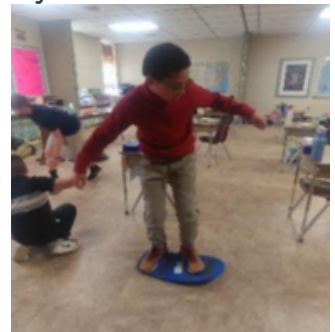
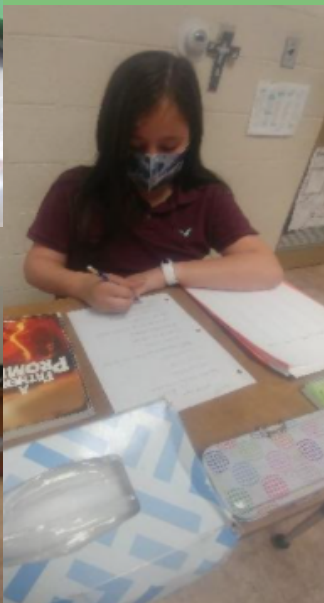
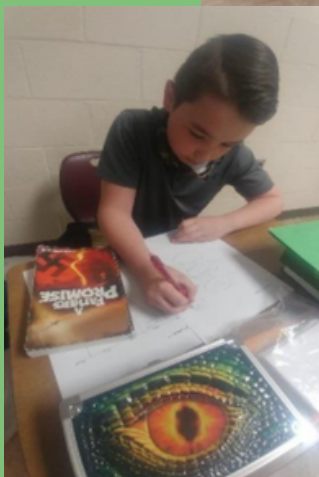
We just finished reading *A Father's Promise*. The hero of this story is an eleven-year-old boy, born a Polish Jew, but also a Christian, who must use his deep faith to endure the hardships of war and travel on a road of adversity and fear with only the promise of God, a promise given to him by his father. These students are now in the 'prewrite' stage of the writing process and authoring the 28th chapter of this novel.

Your fourth grader is learning division in Math class and finding out how important it is to know the multiplication facts. Your fifth grader is finding out that 'exponents' are not that difficult after all.

We would like to ask for prayers for healing for Mimi Fulmer. Mimi broke her wrist and now has her right arm in a cast.

God has been showering us with love and lots of rain. It seems as though we get one good day outside to play, but then two days of rain. Gaga Ball has taken over indoor recess, but those not wanting to play Gaga Ball volunteer to help pack classroom materials to be moved to the new school.

The year is going by quickly, and we have lots to look forward to, so stay healthy. God bless you all!



High School Updates

BY MRS. CALDWELL

Just a quick note to let you know what my classes are doing. Sixth through eighth grade are making their way to the Civil War in United States history. Ninth and tenth graders are finishing up *Pride and Prejudice* in their English class, and they are studying the Johnson administration and the Cold War in United States history. We have also been working on immersing ourselves in sign language this year. They choose a verse in the Bible and present it to the class in sign language. Eleventh and twelfth finished the, "Scarlet Letter", watched the, "Masterpiece Theater" version of, "Les Miserables", and are currently getting reading to work through articles from international news. Their history course is covering the 19th century history of Europe. All of the students are still covering the book of Luke in the Bible, and we are all studying the continent of Africa for their geography.

Do you have boxes...

SFCA will soon be collecting boxes for our big move!

Please start saving boxes for us!



TO SFCA'S LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS

Class of 2021

Caeden King

Shyanne Philp

Anita Lee

Gabe SeEVERS

Blake Mears

Bryn Smith

Korpo Parks

Eric Smith

Save the date: May 21, 2021

BY MR. JOHNSON

The 6-8 grade Bible students continue to do a very good job surveying the New Testament. During the last few weeks we have discovered the key themes and high points of Paul's letters to the Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians. Topics included the fruit of the Spirit, the Mystery of Christ, the mind of Christ, gratitude and several other themes. Our current memory passage is Ephesians 2:8,9.

The 9/10 grade Bible students continued to study and hopefully apply teachings from the book of Colossians and have discussed truths from the letter to Philemon. The big themes were God honoring speech and forgiveness. It is hoped that students will seek to have edifying speech and forgive others as the LORD would have us do.

The 11/12 grade Bible students have continued to examine the basics of Christians apologetics. After carefully studying the historicity and vital importance of the resurrection of Christ, students examined the deity of Christ: Jesus is God as is evident from fulfilled prophecy, I AM statements and direct and indirect claims by Christ and claims by the New Testament writers. Students are also reading, "More Than a Carpenter" by Josh McDowell.

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Enrichment

Band Update

BY DR. KUEHN

There will be a live, in-person Spring Band Concert in Graystone at 6:30pm on May 11, 2021. This concert will feature the Jr-Sr High School Band, the Jazz Band, the Bucket Percussion Ensemble, the Fusion Quintet, the 4th and 5th Grade Band and the 3rd Grade Recorders.

The band will also play for Graduation on May 21st.

Dr. Kuehn has been chosen by the Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association to present a teaching session at the 2021 PMEA State Music Convention, which will be held virtually April 14-17, 2021. His topic will be "An Innovative, Aural, and Non-Data-Driven Approach To Music Appreciation", based on Dr. Kuehn's unique approach to teaching his two sections of high school music appreciation. This will be a 45-minute visual presentation which will be aired on the PMEA website...www.pmea.net. The presentation will open at 8am on April 15 and remain available for 90 days.



Art -LLL - STEM Update

BY MISS. DUCHON

Elementary Art Class

In our elementary Art Classes we have recently got to help complete several different outreach projects for Meals on Wheels. The first project we helped complete was creating Easter baskets for Meals on Wheels, then each student in K-5 also made cross suncatchers as a gift in the baskets. Every student in K-5 also just finished painting terracotta pots that will hold flowers which will be a gift for those who receive Meals on Wheels. The Kindergarten and 1st grade classes completed some St. Patrick's Day themed projects such as Clover Stamped Leprechaun Hats and Fork Painted Leprechauns.

Middle/High School Art

The High School Art class has just finished up the Design a Playing Card project. They began by having to decide whether they wanted to create a number card or a face card. They either incorporated a character or even just came up with their own unique design.

Middle School STEM Class

The Middle School STEM Classes are currently working on a project called the Three Little Pigs Challenge. Each student received a certain material, such as cardboard, straws, or popsicle sticks, and are building a 3D house. We will later use a hairdryer as the "big bad wolf" to see which houses stand up the best.

Library/LLL:

Every Friday, the Kindergarten through Fifth Grade classes have the opportunity to visit the school library. They have also completed a number of reading and comprehension activities and some have had a chance to do flashlight reading. Also, please help make sure your children are returning their checked out books on time.