

BRADFORD BULLETIN

BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **August 31st to Sept. 3rd** Labor Day Weekend, no school Friday and Monday.
- **FIELD TRIPS:** Mark your calendars...

Thurs. Sept 27th (1st-5th)
Special PE Soccer
 Mebane Rec. Fields
 12 to 2:30 PM

Mon., Oct. 8th (K, 1st, & 5th)
Colonial Days
 Alamance Battleground
 8:30 AM—2:00 PM

Mon. Oct. 22nd (K—5th)
Ken Ham, Dinosaurs
 Lawndale Baptist, Greensboro
 8:00—11:30 AM

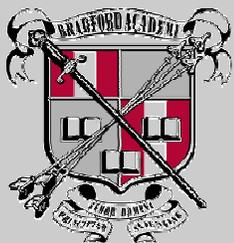
Thurs., Oct. 25th (K-5th)
Greek Olympics
 Special field day at Bradford
 8:00-Noon

Wed. Oct. 31st (3rd-5th)
NC Symphony
 Raleigh
 10:00—2:00 PM

- **BRADFORD NIGHT**
November 13th, 7:00 PM
- **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** We are planning the details for this year's clubs. Please watch for those as they are finalized.

PRAYER

- **First things first!** - Pray that we would always seek the glory of Christ in our work. Our priority is for love to God and one another!
- Please pray for spiritual fruit among our students.



WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Why do we do what we do? This is a question that we ought to ask ourselves regularly. We should consider it especially as we invest these two decades of our lives raising our progeny from helpless infants to independent adults. Why do we take them to the pool, to the field, to scouts, dancing, or to church? Why do we make them weed the garden, fold their clothes, unload the dishwasher? Why do we make them study their Latin, apologize to a sibling, help a needy neighbor? Why do we do it? What is our end goal in all of it? Do we even have an end goal?

If you haven't spent the time to get philosophical about your parenting, let me encourage you to do so. By that I mean take the time to ask yourself if you could vindicate the use of your time and resources when you stand before God and give an account. Are you thoughtful in the decisions you make regarding the activities and experiences you choose for your children? With judgment day honesty, we

ought to evaluate those decisions.

I recently watched *The Odd Life of Timothy Green*, a terribly sentimental film about a young couple who were unable to have children. They were visited by a very mysterious and strange boy who fit all the characteristics of their dream child. The couple quickly learned many difficult lessons about parenting. In the end we realize that having a child often teaches us most about ourselves and the quality of our own character. The parents in the movie spend a lot of time saying they won't be "those kind of parents" and then quickly become "those kind of parents." Like so many parents, they easily point out the faults of others before learning how hard (and painful) it is to avoid those faults. I don't recall if the parents ever suggested why they wanted a child (perhaps because the desire is universally self evident). I don't recall if the parents ever stated why they wanted their child to play soccer, draw, or play music. I don't think they spent much time asking the big questions and as a result got caught up in the little things.

While the film was decent, the moral lessons could only go so far and remained far from ultimate truth. I am certain they never said they wanted to glorify God in their parenting or raise a child that would glorify God. Nevertheless, that is the exact answer Scripture requires from us. We must often ask ourselves "WHY?" in order to stay focused on our chief end. We must also be prepared to stop and give more of an answer than a pat rehearse, "For the Glory



TIMOR DOMINI PRINCIPIUM SCIENTIAE

A note from your teacher...

5TH GRADE — MISS WINDES:

Math: After reviewing the basics of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, we ventured into the realms of solving problems with unknown numbers. We also reviewed order of operations.

History: This week we have been studying Prince Henry the Navigator, the first of our explorers.

Reading: In *The Hobbit*, we have met most of our characters who have now set out on their adventure (much to Bilbo's Tookish delight and Bagginsish chagrin).

Grammar: We reviewed the chants they learned last year, the four sentence types, and learned new vocabulary words.

Writing: Since we have begun a list of "banned words," we now practice using only "quality adjectives." The students wrote a poem celebrating America with their vivid words.

3rd/4th Poetry: We learned what poetry is, how to identify similes, and practiced crafting a few.

3rd/4th Art: We reviewed and practiced the five basic elements of shape as well as the accompanying song.

5th Art: As our introduction to art history, we practiced finding the four parts of a picture -- color, line, composition, and subject matter. We also reviewed the five basic elements of shape.

3rd/4th/5th PE: Warm-ups, soccer drills.

Verse: Romans 12:1-2

4TH GRADE — MRS. PRENTICE:

Literature: The 4th grade students are greatly enjoying reading The Door In The Wall.

History: Test on Card 1 (Augustine) will be Tuesday, September 4. The card should be located in the orange Reading folder. Please make sure they study for their first test on Tuesday. Please read your son's assignments and sign his planner nightly. Thank you! Mrs. Prentice

3RD GRADE — MR. JOHNSTON:

We are adjusting to the new routines and protocols of 3rd grade. Be sure to check and sign your child's planner each night. This is what we did this week:

Reading - discussed mythology and read the story of Perseus and the Minotaur

Math - SPEED DRILLS!! organized lists, fractional part of a set, multiples of 4, 5, 2, 10, 100, 1,000, and 10,000, bar graphs, and frequency charts

Writing - quality adjectives and alliterations

Science (3rd/4th and 5th) - What is Science? Major Biomes

History - Minoan Culture

2ND GRADE — MISS STEVENSON:

We had a great first week! Here is what we did:

Math- Reading a Calendar, Reading a Clock, Counting by 10s and 100s, Telling and Showing Time to the hour, solving elapsed time problems, graphing data, reading a graph, Identifying digits and writing two digit numbers

History - Creation

Reading - Danny and the Dinosaur/ Mouse Soup

Spelling- Some Simple Sight Words, Their Name, My Name

Phonics- Reviewing Vowels and Consonants and Their Sounds, Initial and Final Letters

Grammar- Alphabetization, 5 "Musts" for a Sentence, 4 Step Vocabulary Plan, Synonyms and Antonyms

Science- Creation

PE- Skillful Movers, Beginning Soccer

Latin- Greetings, Introductions, Alphabet, Vowel Sounds

1ST GRADE — MRS. HICKS:

Math: Telling time to the hour, writing numbers to 100, addition facts and patterns.

Phonics: Short vowel sounds, digraphs and handwriting.

Grammar: Common Noun chant, The Caterpillar and family names.

Spelling: Common words: his, her, he, she, him, said, they.

Music (1st/2nd): This week we enjoyed studying the life and music of our featured composer Ludwig Van Beethoven!

Art: (1st/2nd): Line families! Circle, dot, straight, curved and angle.

History: Native Americans and early explorers in North Carolina

Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

We had another great week! Thank you for your continued prayers as we get settled into first grade!

K — MRS. MITCHELL:

Kindergarteners enjoyed focusing on the "a" sound and identifying the sound from a verbal list of consonant and vowel sounds. We had a great time unveiling the items brought from home. Aluminum foil was my personal favorite.

The students did so well at following directions as we walked through our math pages this week. I'm sure you noticed some improvement in their papers. I was impressed that they could all order their numbers from 1-10.

We are enjoying the hard work of learning letters as we learn to write them all as well.

Your student played a bowed psaltry on Monday as we explored the string family of the orchestra.

We now have some really fun van Gogh reproductions which will be on display at some point in the future.

Finally, we combined history and science to create the First Six Days of Creation accordion book.

MUSIC—MRS. GOMEZ:

Hello to all 3rd-5th grade parents! My name Anita Gomez, and I have the privilege of teaching music to your 3rd through 5th grade children this year. It is amazing to think that the excitement I have experienced throughout my life of being involved in different types of music is something which I will now be able to impart to others. My hope is that all our lives will become more enriched as we make music together. One way we hope to enrich our musical knowledge is by visiting the North Carolina Symphony on Wednesday, October 31st in Raleigh (\$6/student). "...Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises." Psalm 98:4b

Here is a summary of what we learned this week:

We discussed class expectations, procedures, did voice warm-up exercises (See if your kids can do them without laughing!), practiced drawing treble/G clef

Homework - Name one of Ludvig van Beethoven's works, singing or humming the tune is optional.

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of God." We ought to be able to at least suggest a sketchy plan for achieving that goal in the plans we have for our kids. If we really mean to live and raise our kids for the Glory of God, we ought to be diligently testing our actions and activities by that standard. Am I doing the hard work of saying no when it is easier to let things slide? Am I saying no because it would be inconvenient to say yes? Parenting is hard work, be sure you give it some thought. We were created to serve and have fellowship with the Almighty. It is hard work but we can be assured that Christ will aid us in that work!

If you wonder why Bradford does some of the things we do, you can read through the philosophy and vision sections of the website and handbook. Better yet, you could read *Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning*, by Douglas Wilson (or fathers are welcome to join our Men's Book Study).

Peace and grace.



QUARTERLY FEATURED

Each quarter the school feature the life and works of a major Poet, Composer and Artist. We also work on hymns in addition to the memory songs we learn at each grade level. Here is the line up for the FIRST QUARTER:

Composer: Ludwig Von Beethoven
Poet : Anne Bradstreet
Artist: John James Audubon
Hymns: Non Nobis, How Great Thou Art,
 For the Beauty of the Earth, Gloria Patri



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