

Lion's Roar 5-27-20

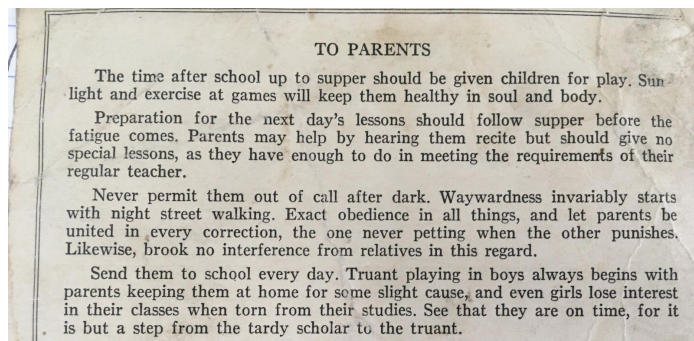
Musings from Mrs. Stout

I spent the Memorial Day weekend reminiscing about the life I had growing up and the great childhood I enjoyed. It was not a perfect childhood by far, but I always, ALWAYS felt loved and safe. As I continued sorting through my parents' things this weekend, I found my mother's first grade report card from 1934. I am impressed and entertained with the TO PARENTS memo on the back of her report card. Here's part of what it says:

"The time after school up to supper should be given children for play. Sunlight and exercise at games will keep them healthy in soul and body.

Preparation for the next day's lessons should follow supper before the fatigue comes. Parents may help by hearing them recite but should give no special lessons, as they have enough to do in meeting the requirements of their regular teacher.

Never permit them out of call after dark. Waywardness invariably starts with night street walking. Exact obedience in all things, and let parents be united in every correction, the one never petting when the other punishes. Likewise, brook no interference from relatives in this regard. "



The tone of this writing strikes me as very authoritative and out of touch for today's culture. Still, I love the language. We just do not use verbs like recite, exact, and brook much these days. I chuckle at the phrases "out of call" and "night street walking". What do those mean anyway?

The instruction to exact obedience also has a bit of a harsh tone, doesn't it? I love the concept of parents being united in every correction. That is a lofty but at times most difficult goal to attain.

Ahhh, the challenges parents, teachers, and students have faced these last ten weeks! Times have changed so much just since March let alone since 1934.

"Behold I am doing a new thing" God says in Isaiah 43:19. New things are hard to do. We don't feel confident in them and that scares us a little bit. But let this verse encourage you as you continue in the trenches of learning. The Lord promises to be a river in the desert

(Hebrew 3:4). True encouragement comes from God, so go to Him with your struggles and fears. He will show you the way. He understands and has everything under control. Rest assured.

Reopening CCS

What will school at CCS look like next year? As you can imagine, there are still many unanswered questions regarding reopening. Our goal for reopening is to keep our students, staff and families safe while maintaining our regular routines as much as possible. We have formed a task force with a variety of stakeholders to consider issues that may need to be addressed. We are looking at guidelines from several agencies, cleaning recommendations, managing students according to any mandates still in place at the beginning of September, and more. If you have any specific issues or concerns that you would like the task force to address, please share them with Mrs. Stout via email (astout@centraliachristianschool.org). Thank you so much for your hard work these past ten weeks. What a marathon! We thank God that in His grace He has blessed the CCS ministry with warriors like each of you.

Stuffing Party

Our mailing 'party' is this Friday, May 29 at 5:30 p.m. and we could use your help! Please join us to help stuff and stamp envelopes. SALT hours apply and please let us know if you can come.

SALT Hours

You should have received your SALT hour update from Sharma Cawley. The SALT hour completion date has been extended this year to June 30th. Any hours not served by June 30th will be billed to you at \$10/hour. Keep an eye out in the Lions Roar or contact your student's teacher(s) directly for SALT hour opportunities. Currently we have outside spruce up projects (weeding, pressure washing) but we'll keep you posted on other jobs as they arise.

Yearbooks

Have you seen this years yearbook yet? It is amazing! If you missed out on ordering one, we have a few extra in the office available to purchase for \$25.00.

Chromebooks and Library Books

Please return any borrowed Chromebooks, school library books, classroom textbooks and/or library books by next Friday, June 5th which is our last homework drop off day.