

Lions Roar 7-22-20

Musings with Mrs. Stout

Last week we mused about Kingdom work and decided it was BIG WORK! How have you done in that department this week? It's been a challenge for me. God has given me the opportunity to work with lots of children. Oh how I love their intensity! Sometimes. God gave me the opportunity to visit my Mom who lives in an assisted living facility in Shoreline. With her dementia, it's been hard for her to understand why her family never comes to visit or take her on outings. But last Monday we painted her window together. She was on the inside and I was on the outside. This didn't seem right to her. Painting on windows just isn't done in her world. So instead, she mixed all the paints on her palette together just like my elementary students always wanted to do when I was teaching in the classroom. "I got brown!" she exclaimed in delight! Students always said that too. Mixing paints together to make mud was not the purpose of the window painting activity, yet it was what interested her at that moment. And that blessed my heart.

God is truly an "in the moment" God isn't He? He is there with us in the good, the bad, and the downright ugly. Kingdom work can be all of that. Yet I have found that when my heart is willing, He will meet my need. He can tweak my perspective and help me see a difficult situation from a new point of view. For instance, my husband recently bought me a new car. But it is a car I didn't want. Who doesn't want a new car? Me. On my way to school in this new car which I didn't want, I asked God to help me with my attitude. His answer to me seemed to be, "Think of this car as my gift to you. I have plans and purposes for you in this car. I know it's not the car of your dreams, but trust me. You're going to love this car." And just like that my heart felt lighter, and I felt encouraged. I smiled and thanked God for so quickly and skillfully changing my attitude from negative to positive. He knows me so well. And He knows you just as well. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." Amen!

Next time kingdom work is causing you to struggle, ask God to tweak your perspective. Then watch how He answers. I'd love to hear about it!

Reopening Plans

Watch your email inbox for a letter from Mrs. Stout that will explain our plans for starting school in September.

New Families

Welcome to our weekly Lions Roar, published every Wednesday! This is the primary way we communicate between the school and our families, so be sure to read it when it arrives in your email. You may also be interested in following our Facebook page. We have a dedicated CCS Parents Facebook page as well as a public CCS Facebook page.

Tuition Calculation Form

If you haven't done so yet, please return your tuition calculation form that was included in your end-of-the-year packet.

SALT Hours

This Friday at 9:30 AM, Mrs. Bradshaw is looking for a few able bodies that would like to help her move everything in her room out to the hallway, so she can put new carpet in her room. If this is something you would like to do for some SALT hours for next year, please email her at jbradshaw@centraliachristianschool.org.

Community Service

Summer Tutoring in Rochester

Reading/Spelling/Writing for grades K- adult, Math for grades K-5. Reasonable rates, online or one-on-one in-home tutoring studio just 2.7 miles from Rochester Primary. Contact Carol Irwin at 360-273-0973 or carolirwin360@gmail.com. She also offers Instructional Coaching for homeschool families and free dyslexia workshops for parents.

Free Meals

"Our Nation's Ministries" have food boxes available every Saturday and individual deliveries are an option as well. Contact the ministry office at 360-807-4337 for more information.