**Lion’s Roar 12-02-20**

**Musings from Mrs. Stout**

I have lived most of my life on the high plains. God blessed me with a traditional family upbringing. He has made His love for me clear time and time again. He walks with me and talks with me, and He tells me I am His own. What a friend I have in Jesus!

At times though He takes me through a valley. Such has been my experience since just before Thanksgiving. My husband has been sick and was admitted to the hospital last Saturday. Due to Covid19 restrictions, he remains there alone battling his health issues. We are in a dark valley to be sure. Your prayers for our family this last week have been like a lifeline to us. Thank you!

In the middle of our family’s struggles, God reminds me in a variety of ways of His nearness to me. He reminds me He is the Great Physician. He reminds me how He has always proved Himself trustworthy.

My granddaughter, Liesl, memorized 1 Peter 1: 1 – 7. She wanted to recite it for my husband and me but struggled to remember it all. As she fought back tears, I asked her if we could work on learning it together. She was delighted to agree.

This morning, as I work on our memorization project, I come to 1 Peter 1:6b – 7 which says, “now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” Ah, my struggles have a purpose! They will prove the genuineness of my faith and result in God’s glory!

Are you struggling right now? God wants to show you His purpose amid your difficulties. These are difficult times for so many, but God is right by our side with a purpose for our good and His glory. Will you trust Him with me? I know we will never regret it!

**8th Grade Christmas Cookie Grams**

The 8th grade class is hosting a Christmas Cookie Gram fundraiser.  Find the attached order form to participate.  Each Cookie Gram is $2.00 ($2.25 for vegan and gluten free).  Order your Gram before December 11th and delivery will take place December 14th.  All funds support the 8th grade Washington DC trip.

**SALT Hour Job**

The leaves have fallen!  Would you like to help with a blower or a few rakes to clear the breezeway and play area of leaves?  Let the office know when you could be available.

**Early Pick-Up Procedures**

Just a reminder that if you need to pick up your student early from school for an appointment or other reason, please call the office the morning of the early release to let us know.  We will send a note to have your student released at the time you desire and they will be waiting for you in the office.

**Christmas Program**

Our traditional Christmas program is cancelled this year.  Our 1st and 2nd grade cohort will host a program in the gym on December 17 at 6:30.  Seating is limited to parents of 1st and 2nd grade students.  All other family members may enjoy the program by live stream.

**CCS Giving Tree**

In years past, families have been able to bless their students’ teachers and support staff at Christmas with a gift from the Giving Tree.  This year our Giving Tree is virtual and easier than ever!  Simply go to [https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/1CIA9U10OA7LF/ref=smi\_ext\_lnk\_lcl\_cl](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/ls/1CIA9U10OA7LF/ref%3Dsmi_ext_lnk_lcl_cl)  to choose any of the hand-picked gifts listed and they will be shipped directly to the school.

**Scrip Cards**

If you would like to have a physical gift card in time for Christmas please place your order online by December 10.  If you would like more information about how to purchase gift cards that earn you rebates that can be credited towards tuition or fees just let us know.

**Calendar**

December

9               DC Dogs

18             Early Dismissal (11:30)

19-Jan 3   Christmas Break

**Community Events**

**Piano Lesson Teacher**

Rosetta Patterson sent us a flyer for anyone that may be interested in taking piano lessons. She can be reached at rosettapatterson77@yahoo.com or 360-388-0438. Stop by the office if you would like to read more of her information.