

Lions Roar 7-15-20

Musings with Mrs. Stout July 15, 2020

Luke 18:16-17 “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I assure you, anyone who doesn’t have their kind of faith will never get into the Kingdom of God.”

Working with children can be exhausting. Their needs are continual. Days are filled with feeding, nursing hearts and bodies, training, protecting and so much more.

Working with children can be rewarding. The weight of a toddler on your lap, a little hand holding yours as you walk along. Snuggles. Those little gems make my heart sing. The rewards are new every morning.

Working with children is kingdom work. We are called to train up our children in the way they should go which is different for each individual life. We have the great privilege and responsibility of building world changers for Christ. We seek to teach children to love and serve God and others.

Let’s not minimize this high and holy calling. Yes, it can be humbling, tedious, frustrating, and fraught with anxiety. Still, we get to hear our children’s insights and perspectives. Their love for us is deep and passionate. They are ours to love and influence for God, our community, and our country.

Think of what we are doing and teaching as we train up children in the way they should go. We are pursuing Christ, realizing we are ill equipped to fulfill this high and holy calling on our own. We depend on Him each step of the way. We are building character – Godly character. We are teaching skills and how they help us in daily life. This points us to an ever deeper understanding of the mightiness of God.

As we serve children, meet their needs, and teach them to do what is right, they see our own self-sacrifice on their behalf. They have a picture of what it looks like to serve God. Maybe it’s a fuzzy picture right now, but they see, they will recognize, and it will impact their future walk with God.

Working with children is kingdom work. God will work with you, right by your side. Though your kingdom work today, may seem small, insignificant and at times failing, remember the mustard seed in Matthew 13:31-32 “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.” Kingdom work is BIG work.

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.

CCS Reopening Plans Overview

Though many details remain to be worked out, our CCS Reopening Task Force is ready to submit their reopening plan to our school board at their meeting on July 21 for their approval. Here are the highlights of the task force's recommendations:

Goal: To provide a safe, stable, secure, and nurturing school environment for students, families, staff and volunteers.

1. CCS will follow our traditional Monday through Friday schedule for all students.
2. Communication
 1. Face coverings will follow state mandates in place on the first day of school, September 2.
 2. Staff liaison will be available to help coordinate make-up work for students missing school for health reasons.
3. Promoting healthy hygiene practices
 1. Desks spread out
 2. Lines of students spaced out
 3. Chapel/gym will keep students distanced appropriately.
 4. Physical distancing will be implemented as feasible.
4. Cleaning and Sanitizing procedures
 1. Sanitize the school nightly and throughout the day
 2. Hand sanitizer distributed to students upon entering and leaving their classroom.
5. Health and Illness
 1. Parents help by checking student temperatures before leaving home each day.
 2. Sick students and staff stay home particularly when experiencing fever, coughs, shortness of breath and/or loss of taste or smell.

We know many questions remain. Thank you for your patience as we put our reopening plan in place. Next week, with the school board's approval, we should have the full plan available for you to read. We hope to also host a Zoom meeting to answer any questions you may have. Stay tuned.

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.

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.