



Grapevine

Prayer Kids

Monday - Olivia B.(K), Sierra F.(K)
Tuesday - Jordyn P.(K), Jesse Y.(K)
Wednesday - Owen A.(1), Hannah A.(1)
Thursday - Timothy B.(1), Kalea B.(1)
Friday - Logan B.(1), Kataliya C.(1)

What are Prayer Kids?

I would like to introduce a new section of our Grapevine. Listed above are two students for each day of the school week. A new list of students will appear with each new Grapevine. At the start of each day as a part of our morning prayer, we as a staff will pray for the two students listed above. We also ask our parents to join us in praying for these students each day. Let's utilize the power of corporate prayer for our students and watch the Lord work in wonderful ways!

Dates to Remember

Sept. 18-28 - Glenn Miller Golf Tourn.
Sept. 29 - Teacher Training (12:15 dismissal)

Oct. 5 - Teacher Training (12:15 dismissal)

Principal's Corner

Better Eyesight

*"Now we see but a poor reflection . . .
then we shall see face to face . . ."*

I Corinthians 13:12

A while back during a routine checkup we discovered that our boy, Isaac, had less than perfect vision. It looked like he was going to need glasses. This was a tough revelation for me. I know what it's like to have poor eyesight. I didn't want him to have to struggle with his vision like I did growing up.

I was born with crossed eyes, nearsighted and astigmatism in both eyes. It's hard to tell which direction I'm looking in my baby pictures. The first thing the doctors wanted to do was straighten my eyes. Ten years and nine surgeries later they got pretty close. My eyes are only slightly toed in. Apparently when your eyes are not exactly straight you tend to favor one eye while the other becomes "lazy". To prevent this I wore a

series of alternating eye patches for many years as a young child. Depth perception continues to be a problem for me as my eyes do not work together as they should. In elementary school, my glasses were heavy and thick and often either lost or broken. There ended up being long stretches of time when I went without glasses and would soon forget what it was like to be able to really see. I would marvel at the things I could see when my new glasses arrived.

My lack of any real depth perception made baseball very difficult, basketball was a little tricky and football was only a little better. My best sport was wrestling, I didn't need to see real well to do that.

Over the last 15 or so years I have had the best eyesight I have ever had. It started with a hockey puck to the eye that eventually required a new artificial lens in my right eye (as well as a pupil that doesn't close - hence the constant sunglasses). The new lens gave me near perfect vision in my right eye, lasic gave me 20/20 vision in my left eye. It has been wonderful to not wear contacts or corrective lenses. It has been good while it lasted but age has caught up with me and now reading has begun to be difficult and I need glasses again to read the small print and see things up close.

So, you can see that it was a little hard for me when my boy had to go get some glasses to be able to see well. However,

when he put them on for the first time and he could see what he was missing this whole time, it was fun to watch. You could see him looking at things through the lenses and then looking at the same things over the top of his lenses. He was figuring out what he was missing, realizing it was quite a bit. He was excited. He loved his glasses! He could see! He now had better eyesight.

Better eyesight is what I want, too. I want to see God better. I know that I see Him better now than I did even just a few years ago. I also know that in time I will see Him even more clearly than I do now. Our children need better eyesight as well. I believe most of our problems with God come from not seeing Him very well. Our vision is fuzzy and we can't tell what in the world is going on. Better eyesight is what we all need. The more clearly we see God, I believe, the more we will love Him. I believe that our mission as teachers and parents is to help our children see God with better eyesight.

Please, Lord, help me not to mess that up.

Give me better eyesight, Lord, I don't want to be a blind man leading the blind.

God bless,

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