



# Grapevine

## Prayer Kids

Monday - Eden H. (2), Braydon K (2)  
Tuesday - Genesis M. (2), Emilio R. (2)  
Wednesday - Aria T. (2), Patrick T. (2)  
Thursday - Mia A. (3), Ethan A. (3)  
Friday - Philip A. (3), Rhema A. (3)

### What are Prayer Kids?

Listed above are two students for each day of the school week. A new list of students will appear with each weekly Grapevine. At the start of each day as a part of our morning prayer, we as a staff will pray for these two students. 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. 21 - Oct. 2 - MAP Testing Window  
Sept. 29 - Teacher Training (12:15 dismissal)

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

## Principal's Corner

### **It's Not Distance Learning**

Like many of us, I have been thinking a lot about distance learning. I have to admit that when we first started out with it in mid-April, I was a little excited about it. I thought that teaching through Zoom might not be so bad. Disruptive students would have less opportunity to be disruptive. Distracted students would have fewer distractions (at least I thought). I soon realized that teaching from a distance is almost as hard as learning from a distance, and learning from a distance (and in isolation) is a very lonely way to learn. And it's so much harder to learn when lonely.

Like I said, I've been thinking a lot about distance learning. My thoughts ended up turning to the time when Jesus told his disciples (his friends) that he was leaving. That they would not be able to go with him anymore. They would no longer be able to

wake up every morning with their Teacher/Friend right there, sharing breakfast and companionship as they listened to Jesus' plans for the day. It was almost as if Jesus was telling them to get ready for an extended time of distance learning.

This was not news they wanted to hear. They wanted to be with their teacher. They didn't want distance learning. Yes, Jesus promised a "Comforter", but I'm not convinced they really understood what He meant. It almost seemed that some of the disciples were adrift, not sure what to do with themselves. Peter and his fisherman disciple/friends contemplated going back to fishing (and failing at it) before Jesus surprised them with a sunrise breakfast on the lakeshore that morning.

Just before he left for the last time, Jesus told his disciple/friends to wait in Jerusalem for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. I don't think they really understood, but they waited for the promised gift, not sure what to expect.

We all know what happened. They were filled with the Holy Spirit. What did this mean? In one sense it meant that now Jesus was closer than he ever could have been before, his Spirit now could live in our hearts! It wasn't going to be distance learning at all! New Testament writers often spoke of Jesus living in our hearts through the Spirit.

*"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through*

*his Spirit in your inner being, so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.** And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may **be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**"*

*Ephesians 3:16-19*

*"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," **made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.** But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God. . ."*

*I Corinthians 4:6-7*

Wow!

With Jesus, it's not distance learning when He lives in your heart. It's not distance learning when His love is evident in the people around you. We really do have this treasure in jars of clay.

God Bless,

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