



# Grapevine

## Prayer Kids

Monday - Christian F. (7), Mikayla N. (7)  
Tuesday - Samantha N. (7), Alexis B. (8)  
Wednesday - Valeria M. (8), Hunter M. (8)  
Thursday - Micah N. (8), Noble C. (9)  
Friday - Jan Carlo S. (10), Iva B. (K)

## What are Prayer Kids?

At the start of each day as a part of our morning prayer, we as a staff will pray for the two students listed for each day. 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

Nov. 3 - Election Day  
Nov. 4 - Parent Conf., No School  
Nov. 18 - Picture Retakes  
Nov. 23-27 - Thanksgiving Break  
Dec. 19 - Christmas Break Begins  
Jan. 4 - School Resumes

## Music Begins!

We are excited that our Music teacher, Margie Rice, is back from her leave of absence! She is jumpstarting our Music program and we are thrilled!

## Principal's Corner

"Daddy, Find Me!"

Our boys used to love to play "Hide and Seek." It never got old for them. They seemed to never tire of having me count while they ran upstairs and hid in the bathtub or a closet. I'm suspicious that all kids love this game and that this love cuts across cultural divisions.

It starts with "Peek-a-Boo" in infancy. We all know how the game goes and we all love to play it with any infant who happens to be around, even if we look like a fool doing it.

As soon as our youngest could toddle around he wanted to play with his big brother. Isaac would take him by the hand while I counted, looking for the perfect place to hide. I would try not to listen to them

banging around upstairs while I counted to 20. After counting I would begin my search.

“I wonder where those boys are?” I would call out as I headed up the stairs, clomping around, looking in all the wrong places. “Where are those boys?” I would say out loud. Isaac was well practiced in the game and he would not utter a peep. Our youngest, on the other hand, could not contain himself.

“Heow I am!” he would call out.

“Did I hear a boy?” I would say. “Where is he? Where is that boy?”

“I’m over heow, in the kwaset.” Debbie and I would laugh and laugh at the fact that he just could not stop himself from telling me where he was hiding. He wanted so badly to be found.

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I have thought about that for a while now. I have come to believe that many of the basic longings that we all have, but often try to hide, are right out in the open in a child. Children love to play games like ‘Hide and Seek’ and ‘Tag’ because they want to be longed for, searched for, pursued. Do you remember as a child the feelings you had when you played those games? Tag was no fun if nobody chased you. In ‘Hide and Seek’ you tried to find a great place to hide so that it would take some searching to find you, but you’d be disappointed if nobody did.

Could it be that this desire to be sought for comes from God? I’m suspicious that God has put in our hearts a longing to be searched for, a wish to know that Someone is looking for us. Is what we see in our children as they play simple little games like ‘Tag’ and ‘Hide and Seek’ really a reflection of a deep longing in our own hearts to be chased by God, pursued by Him. I suspect we all want to know that God cares enough to seek us out, to search for us and find us.

Many times, when my boys were younger, it would be obvious that they had been waiting for me when I came home from school. I would greet them with a hug and a kiss. Often I wanted to just sit in a chair and relax. This was usually short lived as they would crowd in beside me or in my lap.

At other times, though, I would notice that my boys seemed to disappear. I knew it won’t be long before I heard a voice calling from somewhere in the house.

“Daddy, find me!”

*“I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:3*

God bless,

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