



Grapevine

Prayer Kids

Monday - Rhema A. (3), Emberlyn C. (3)
Tuesday - Kira C. (3), Kendra C. (3)
Wednesday - Madelyn H. (3), Sam K. (3)
Thursday - Brianna N. (3), Jessie P. (3)
Friday - Natalie R. (3), Rosalia T. (3)

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

Feb. 15 - President's Day, No School
Mar. 19 - End of 3rd Quarter
Mar. 22-26 - Spring Break

Chess Club

No Chess Club this Thursday due to Mr. Nelson recovering from his second COVID vaccine.

Principal's Corner

"We Got Groceries"

A few years back when Micah was only a few weeks old and Isaac was just three I came home one afternoon to find Debbie laying on the couch. She looked tired. Micah was napping and Isaac making a mess on the floor with some blocks or toys. After a bit of small talk I made a critical error by asking a question that I didn't realize until later had implications far more weighty than the sum of the words.

I innocently said, "So, what did you do today?"

Even if I did realize my mistake, (I didn't) it was too late. Just by asking the question I somehow implied that she had not moved from the couch for the entire day, that she had spent the day eating Bon-bons, being waited on hand and foot by some secret maid while watching Oprah and Sesame Street.

She looked at me hard, paused for pregnant moment, and said,

“We got groceries.”

She paused once more, daring me to step in it again.

I said, “Oh . . .” (I didn’t know what to say, but I knew enough to say as little as possible.)

She let me squirm a few moments longer and then she laughed. She began to educate me on how three simple words (“We got groceries”) can only begin to convey what she accomplished that day.

The planning and coordination involved took military precision. Naps and feeding schedules had to be coordinated. Feeding had to be planned to bookend the two hour window she had to get a WinCo run in, where you have to bag your own groceries. Snacks had to be prepared for Isaac, along with the requisite box of animal crackers spotted and eaten while rolling down isles. Each grocery item had been moved by Debbie a total of six times (can you count them all?) before they finally were settled into their new home in our pantry. All the while wrangling a three year old and rushing to get home in time before a hungry infant begins demanding his next meal. She had just collapsed on the couch after having finally finished putting the groceries away when I showed up asking, “So, what did you do today?” like an idiot. We had a good laugh over my ignorance and we got to work on dinner.

It’s incredible how one short statement can be packed with so much meaning behind it. How such a seemingly simple statement can really be so much more challenging than is implied by the simplicity of the words themselves. I learned that when Debbie told me one afternoon, “We got groceries.”

It reminds me of something Jesus said. It’s a challenge that on the surface seems so simple, but in reality proves to be packed with meaning for how to live our lives. It’s a simple call to action that proves to be not so simple at all. Fortunately Jesus offers to help us in the process.

“Love your neighbor.”

God bless,
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