



# News Notes



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## Dates to remember:

- Sept. 4 No School
- Sept. 8 Vision & Hearing Screening
- Sept. 5-15 MAP Testing
- Sept. 18-22 Spirit Week

## Note From the Principal:



There will be no school on Monday due to Labor Day observance.

MAP testing will be September 5-15. Teachers will communicate with their students' parents about testing times during this period. Prepare your child by making sure they get lots of rest and nourishment.

Blessings!

## Pre-K Mrs. Joanna Davis



We have had another busy week. We learned how Joseph had to put his trust in God when his brothers sold him.

Our letter for this week is "L", our number is "1", our color is red, and our shape is square. We had fun learning to recognize numbers by playing dominoes. We also had fun gathering things in nature and making the letter L with them.

I pray that you have a fun and safe Labor Day weekend.

-- Ms. Jo



## 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades Mrs. Jamie Short



This week felt like we are finally settling into our routines and workload. In Science, we are learning about plants and the life cycle of plants. To make this learning real we have planted a small garden on the playground as well as experimenting with seed starting inside our classroom. We are looking forward to a harvest of lettuce, celery, sugar snap peas, carrots, and green beans later in the fall.

Treasure Verse:

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand". Psalms 41:10

Reading logs were sent home today. Please remember that these are intended to be used for the whole month. You can record the number of minutes read in each daily square. And for bonus fun, your child can track their minutes in the bar graph at the bottom. If you have any questions about reading logs, please let me know.

Our class will be taking our first round of MAP tests next week. This testing will most likely happen over Wednesday and Thursday. To help your child be prepared make sure that they get good sleep the night before and eat a filling, healthy breakfast.

## Kindergarten Mrs. Yossy Castillo



We had a wonderful week in kindergarten. The kids worked so hard this week, especially in math. Each child got to choose a dog stuffed animal; they named it and took care of it all week. We also had two special visitors, Cocoa and Luna. As you can imagine it was everyone's favorite part of the week. We learned that God made all animals, He loves them very much that is why we need to take care of them.

Please don't forget to bring your child's water bottle, pillow, and blanket on Monday.

Memory verse for next week:  
"Love each other, as I have love you" John 15:12

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades Mrs. Eva Hill



😊 Signed envelopes (with reading minutes) and grade reports are due next Tuesday when we return to school. Thanks also for helping your

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child remember to bring back their water bottle. Have a delightful day off on Monday!

😊 Next week we will take our first MAPS testing for this year. These tests measure students' academic achievement and growth. Good rest and a healthy breakfast will help your child focus and do their best.

😊 The 4th graders have been learning about the life of George Washington Carver. The 4th grade field trip to the National Historical Park, which was his birthplace in Diamond, Missouri, is on September 12. If you can drive/supervise on this trip, please let me know. All adults that go along must have the completed background check and training. Drivers are also required to have the correct insurance and driver's license. These must be documented in the school office prior to the day of the trip.

😊 Treasure verse quiz Friday, Sept. 8:

"He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and make us his very own people, totally committed to doing what is right." Titus 2:14 NLT

😊 No spelling lesson next week due to MAPS testing.

## 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Mrs. Tania Miller



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next week we will start our MAP testing on Tuesday when we get back. Working together, we can make your child's testing experience positive and successful. Some suggestions you can do at home:

- \*A good night's rest every night.
- \*Eating a healthy breakfast.
- \*Words of encouragement.

\***Grade reports** have been sent out in student folders. Missing assignments are listed on the grade reports at the bottom. Students are encouraged to take home incomplete assignments this weekend and return them when we get back on Tuesday. Please sign the outside of the folder to show you received the grade report and graded papers for this week. You may keep the grade report at home.

\***Memory Treasure Verse for next week:**

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 1:6

*There will be no spelling words for next week as we are testing. We will still work on learning new spelling and vocabulary words, just in a different capacity.*

**Reading:** Please help your child do their very best in school and encourage them to read 20-30 minutes from their AR books every evening. Book report forms will be sent out next week. Please remember that the first book report will be due on the last Friday of each month, starting in September. A book report form has been sent out in your child's Friday Folder.

Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns. Have a great long weekend!

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Mr. Demetrius Bell



Greetings, dear parents, guardians, and friends of OAS!

As we continue our exciting journey through the school year, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have had an eventful third

week filled with valuable lessons, inspiring activities, and spiritual growth. We're building on our classroom theme of climbing "Faith Mountain" together, relying on teamwork and drawing inspiration from the remarkable life of Congressional Medal of Honor awardee, Desmond Doss.

Unity and Teamwork on Faith Mountain: Our class is discovering the importance of supporting one another as we ascend the metaphorical "Faith Mountain". Just like a team working together to conquer challenges, our students are realizing that they can achieve much more when they lend a helping hand to their fellow classmates. This sense of unity not only fosters strong friendships but also reinforces the essence of Christian values – to love and support one another on our faith journey.

Special Guest – Mr. Jason Summers: A highlight of the week was the visit of Mr. Jason Summers from the Gentry church. Mr. Summers engaged our students in interactive activities that encouraged them to delve into their Bibles, study Scripture diligently and share their newfound knowledge with others. The importance of spreading the message of faith, love, and understanding was at the heart of Mr. Summers' engaging session. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activities and are eager to put into practice the lessons they learned.

Memory Verse – Hebrews 10:16 (Due by Thursday, 9/7/23) In line with our focus on deepening spiritual connections, our memory verse for next week is Hebrews 10:16.

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them." (KJV)

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This verse encapsulates the divine promise to inscribe the Lord's teachings upon our hearts and minds, reminding us of our ongoing journey to align our lives with His word.

We are excited to witness the growth, enthusiasm, and commitment our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are demonstrating as they navigate the path of faith and education. Thank you for your continued support in shaping these young minds into faithful, compassionate, and courageous individuals.

May God's blessings continue to guide us through this remarkable school year.

Blessings!  
--Mr. Bell

1st Grade  
Nick 2.5  
Raygann 3.0  
Red 3.9

Isaac M. 7.7  
Otto S. 9.3  
Kailani 9.5  
Denali 10.0

4th Grade  
Jai'el 5.1  
Melody 6.0  
Julianna 9.3  
Banner 10.4

6th Grade  
Prashansa 1.1

7th Grade  
Michael 1.7  
Serenity 3.6  
Zac 9.6  
Halley 19.8  
Lucy 60.6  
Elisabeth 107.1

2nd Grade  
Chevy 5.0  
Miriam 5.2

3rd Grade  
Gracie 1.0  
Zayde 1.4  
Emmaline 1.8  
Gabriella 2.4  
David 5.6  
Nic W. 8.9

5th Grade  
Roselynn 1.1  
Jed 8.0  
Jony 51.3

## Mrs. Crystal Beierle



Pre-K and Kindergarten check out/return books every Tuesday.  
1st-8th grade can check out/return their books Monday through Thursday.

AR Points are an important part of your child's reading grade. Students are awarded prizes when they hit 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175 and 200 AR points.

Cash prizes are given at the end of the year for the most AR points, the highest average score, and the most books read.

These milestones are posted in News Notes each week:

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