



PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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The Bible teaches us to walk by faith. That means to put our trust in God knowing that He is in control, despite life's trials and tribulations. As Christians, we are called to serve, knowing that God will empower and strengthen us as we put our trust in Him.

**“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.”
- Proverbs 3: 3-6**

The Lord cares for every little detail in our lives, and He has blessed us with his graces numerous times at Providence Christian Academy. Since the inception of our school, we have witnessed numerous miracles and received answers to our prayers. And Jesus, in all His glory, has continued to bless us as we seek his guidance in supplication.

I remember vividly when we set up the room for our computer lab. It was three weeks before school started and all we had were six empty computer tables. How would we ever be able to purchase the number of computers needed to educate our children?

We left this answer to God as we prayed for his continued guidance and divine care for our school. Fortunately, at the beginning of the school year, God moved the heart of a dear brother (Vasile Turcan) from North Carolina, who gathered funds for two Mac computers. This was a miracle and another example of how God answers when you seek His wisdom, but nothing could prepare us for what happened next.

Months passed, and we still needed ten more computers to have a fully functional computer lab. As the year started, it was critical that we implement blended learning to boost some of our students' confidence in certain subject areas. We prayed and asked God for His tools and guidance and yet again, He answered our prayers! Slavic, Igor, and I got invited to a meeting and were asked to speak on God's calling in our school. As all three of us shared our experiences and needs, God's divine providence manifested yet again!



We suddenly received a note from Dr. Terry W. Dorsett, Executive Director of the Baptist Churches of New England. This letter stated that a grant will be set aside for our computer lab! Dr. Terry was sitting next to Igor, and that note was passed to Slavic and then to me. As the note reached me, I set it aside to read it later, but Slavic insisted I read it. I had tears of joy in my eyes as I read the letter and noticed that Slavic and Igor did as well. How is it that God is so kind? Then I realized, nothing is too big or too small for God to care about. Amen to that!

I could not be more grateful and excited that we have now received the \$10k grant and are in the process of putting together our computer lab. We will be utilizing software that our children can use to help them advance to higher proficiency levels. I would like to send a big thank you to brother Vasile, Dr. Dorsett, and BCNE for making such a positive impact on Providence Christian Academy. God bless.

Mike Placinta, Chairman

KINDERGARTEN

In the beginning of January, the Kindergarteners started reading Book 1 of the "I Can Read" series for K5. In these books they review sight words, read one/two vowel words and short sentences. They are understanding the importance of a title, observing new punctuation, and answering oral comprehension questions. Our students are efficiently moving through these readers and currently on Book 4 which introduces the Long-Vowel sounds.

Counting to 100 by ones and ten's is a breeze and learning how to add is top priority! Our class is learning about all the children of the world as we venture around the world in Social Studies. So far we have gone to Canada, Mexico, South America, Netherlands, England, and currently Israel.

In addition to all this, K5 has been learning memory verses that we look forward to sharing in a larger group setting.

~Mrs. Angela



1st Grade

Exciting news! Our first-grade students are finally ready to begin reading from the Bible. Since January, we not only begin the day with our Bible lesson, but also include Bible reading at seatwork time. The Scriptures they read are from the morning lesson. They are very excited about reading God's word for themselves! God is good.

In our "Discovering God's World" science books, the children are discovering the wonders of God's creation. In combination with this month's poem "In the Heart of a Seed", they grew bean plants from a seed. As the students learn more about creation, they are naturally led to a deeper reverence for the God who planned it all. God is good.

Creative writing is also focusing on God's creation. Students first gather information, and then write three or more good, descriptive sentences about starfish, sea otters, whales, octopus and other creatures in the sea. Their progress in writing has been amazing. God is great!

~Mrs. Pauli

2nd Grade

It's been a busy month for second grade! The class spent the month of January memorizing Psalm 1. They also learned about plants and planted some flowers that are starting to grow. They are anxiously waiting for the vegetables they planted to grow so they can see their roots. The second graders also have been learning how to tell time, read a thermometer, and the value of money. The class also welcomed a new teacher the last week of January.

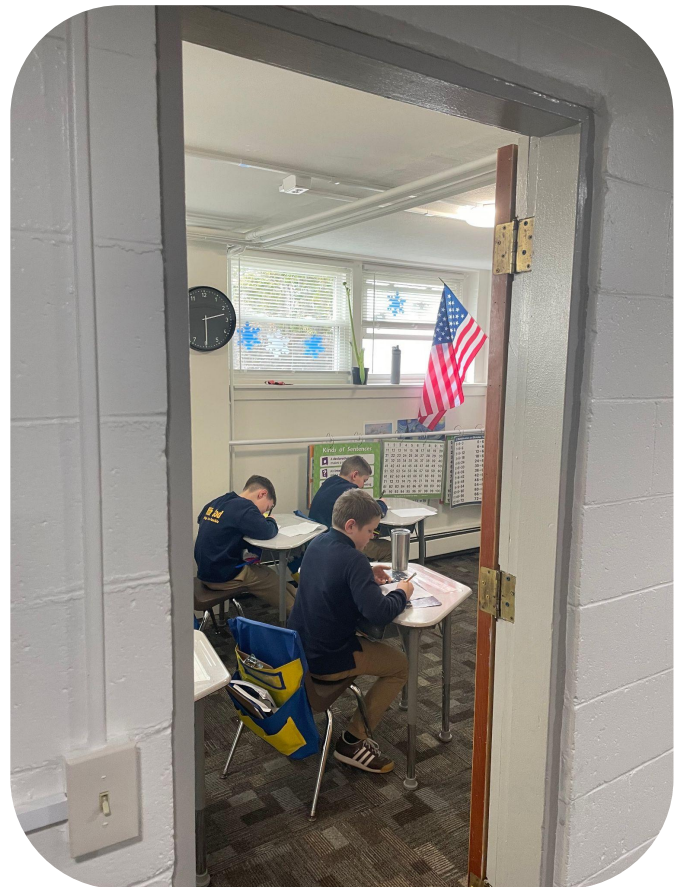
~Mrs. Kristan

3rd Grade

The PCA 3rd graders have had a month of steady progress in their academic skills. We have been working hard on our multiplication tables and reading skills. As a result of our efforts, we have seen improvements in math speed drills, reading speed, and reading comprehension.

Our science class has been all about appreciating the wonders of the solar system. With 7 students and 1 teacher, we had the perfect number of people in our class to have each person make a model of one of the planets. In our Bible class, we have learned about the prophet Elijah and the incredible ways God worked through him. As we continue to navigate the school year, we ask you to pray that all of us will also be people that God works powerfully through.

~Mr. Brendan



4th Grade

The fourth graders at PCA have been working hard this month. They've been working with fractions in math and are learning how to simplify and find equivalent fractions. I'm very proud of their hard work. They have also been working on their writing skills. We've spent a lot of time working on paragraph skills, and they've already written a five paragraph essay. The skills they are working on in language and writing are foundational to their future academic endeavors.

The fourth graders made some really great biome dioramas and presented their projects to the second grade. This allowed them to work on their public speaking as well as dive a little deeper into their science lessons, they really enjoyed putting them together! They continue to dive deep into scripture and are working on scripture memorization. The highlight is when they led two sessions of our 21 days of prayer and fasting. It was so sweet to see them lead the younger children during prayer time.

Respectfully,
Erin Krueger

