

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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The computer lab has been such a blessing to our school. The fourth graders use it daily to improve reading skills and math skills. Everyone gets really excited for computer time. It has also been a handy addition for guiding research projects. Thank you to everyone who made it possible for us to have this invaluable resource.

Mrs. Krueger, 4th Grade teacher



100 Days of School Celebration



We had a joyous celebration at Providence Christian Academy as we marked the 100th way of school.

Our day began with heartfelt praises to God as we sang Psalm 100, expressing gratitude for His blessings and seeking His continued guidance for our school community. We gathered in unity to pray for His grace upon our students, pastors, staff, and families, acknowledging His role in our journey thus far and trusting in His plans for the future.

The school was adorned with beautiful decorations, creating a festive atmosphere that truly reflected the spirit of gratitude and achievement. The Providence Christian Academy Board went above and beyond by generously providing a delicious lunch featuring fresh veggies, pizza, and fruit, allowing us to share a delightful meal together.

I want to express deep gratitude to God for His continuous blessings and guidance. Additionally, a heartfelt thank you goes out to the Providence Christian Academy Board for their unwavering support and the delicious lunch they provided. Lastly, I extend appreciation to all our faculty, staff, and families who worked together - in big ways and small - to make this day special. As we celebrate this milestone, let us reflect on Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

May God continue to bless Providence Christian Academy and our wonderful community.

In His Grace, Linda Temby, Principal



1st Grade

KINDERGARTEN

Spring is just around the corner. Warm weather is on its way and a new life is about to bud. As we wrap up Geography Around the World, Kindergarteners are looking forward to learning about science next. The students have learned a song called "4 Seasons" in preparation to teach about a seed's cycle of growth. In Phonics, we have been learning special sounds like "ck" in duck, "st" in stop, "ay" in pray and many more. Special sounds help the students to read faster. We circle special sounds first before we mark vowels. This process trains their brains to identify and learn the sound more quickly. They are learning to "say, spell, say" words starting with sight words and numbers 1 -10. Kindergarteners are counting by 1's, 10's, and started counting by 5's as they learned about the nickel ~Mrs. Angela

First Grade has been busy in Reading Class with longer sentences and longer words. To help with this, they have learned to use syllable rules, and prefix/suffix rules so they can read with speed and accuracy. Their Creative Writing Project this month a full-page story about George is Washington. As they study in their history books about our first President, they find facts to include in their stories. These stories are still in the draft stage, and the final copy will be on beautiful paper which makes a lovely keepsake for them from First Grade. In Arithmetic, students are learning about fractions, temperatures and graphs to help them easily solve problems. Our morning Bible Time story is repeated throughout the day on all of their seat work papers. New this month, is the addition of finding and reading the morning's story again in their own Bibles. Praise the Lord for this new Bible skill included as a seat work assignment



~Mrs. Pauli



2nd Grade

February was a busy month for second grade. The students have been learning and memorizing Matthew 5:3-12 in Bible time as well as the stories of Joshua, Judges, Ruth and Joseph. They are soaking up the stories and are able to remember the key points in each of them. They have been practicing their songs and parts for the upcoming Easter program and it is delightful to hear and see their excitement in singing praises to God. The students have been introduced to keeping a journal and they are eager to write in their journals about the things they have done each week.

One student was so excited about his recent trip to NYC to visit the 9/11 Memorial, that not only did he write about it in his journal, but he also created a whole presentation to give to the class. He even made a diorama of how it looks now, and what the future building plans would look like. It is on display in the library for all the students to view.

They have also been introduced to creative writing and enjoyed writing an imaginative story about an ice cream shop, and a pet show. They also learned to write about historical people, such as Francis Scott Key as well as the American Flag. They enjoyed learning about how the American Flag was created so much, that they all created their own flags to represent themselves.

The highlight of our day is often science class where we have been doing lots of hands-on experiments. At the end of January, we started some seeds, and the students were excited to see them grow. We have moved into learning about the scientific method and doing experiments. The students are currently doing an ongoing experiment where they are taking two identical plants and watering them at different intervals to see if there is any difference in their growth rate. Eventually we will talk about how different things can impact an experiment and whether or not it was successful, and I hope that the students will learn how to assess and change the procedures to make it work better. While learning about the different forms of energy, they have done some hands-on activities with wind and water energy, as well as gravity. Their curiosity leads to many new and interesting ideas and discoveries.



~Mrs. Kristan

3rd Grade

Third graders returned from Winter Break and were blessed with a new classroom! Also, they are privileged to have additional space with a large circular table which accommodates the entire class for Reading and special projects. During the Bible class they completed their study of the Life of Elisha. An important lesson learned was that even after Elisha's death his bones were used to work a miracle of resurrection power. An amazing tribute to Elisha's faithfulness to God through all his years of service.

"Lexia Core 5", the new computer program has generated lots of enthusiasm as each child strives to get to the next level. Lexia enhances Reading, Language, Spelling Skills and more! Look for your child's Lexia Award as they complete each Level.

~Mrs. Lashtur



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4th Grade

The fourth graders have been busy this month! The students had a lot of fun learning about famous people and landmarks in Massachusetts. In science we dove into geology and had a lot of fun breaking rocks and studying how volcanoes erupt. We studied fractions and how to add and subtract unlike denominators. We've tackled pronouns and reviewed verbs and nouns. The most interesting thing has been our book reviews. Each student read and reviewed a book and brought in some really interesting projects. It has been an exciting February!

~Mrs. Krueger