



Check Out Summertime at CFCA!!!

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CFCA Students Finish Strong

From the Desk of Dr. Johnson

Tomorrow Thinkers

One of my most favorite books is The Leadership of Jesus by Mike Murdock. Over the years I have shared the words of wisdom offered in the book with many. As we end this school year, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the book's insights as they relate to Central Florida Christian Academy's journey towards spiritual integrity and academic excellence. Jesus knew that every great achievement requires a willingness to start small. A year ago CFCA started to rebuild. The school used what it was given knowing that God had equipped those in the administration, faculty and staff to assume responsibility for the changes in His ministry, CFCA. Remembering that everything big starts small, the change process began. As Murdock states, "Jesus began in a stable. But he did not stay there. He went thirty years without performing miracles. But, one day he launched His first miracle. The rest is history. David had a slingshot, but became a king. Joseph was sold as a slave, but he became the Prime Minister of Egypt." God has given CFCA what is needed to achieve success. We must focus on the future. Jesus entered our lives to end our past and give birth to tomorrow. The yesterdays do not control tomorrow's potential. We at CFCA are "Tomorrow Thinkers". 2008-2009 was the small start; wait until 2009-2010: TOMORROW.

"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:18,19

IT'S HERE! THE SHOWCASE!

Kindergarten through twelfth grade will be represented in the showcase on **April 30**. The art show will have art pieces from every class. At **6:00 PM** our instrumentalists will play show tunes for your enjoyment while attendees look at the art displays. At **7:00 PM** the musical theatre performance will begin. Tickets cost \$3.00 and are available in the school lobby before and after school. It will be an evening to celebrate the arts at CFCA.



Kindergarten

Can you believe the year is almost over? We still have a lot to look forward too...

Showcase - Please wear the assigned colored shirt along with black pants and black socks for the tap performance.

Bike Day - Continue to check the planner for all the information regarding Bike Day. Your children will not only get to bring their bikes to school... but may even learn to ride without training wheels!!

Senior Graduation May 22, 7:00 P.M. - Our kindergarten students, who are in their first year at CFCA, will be singing for the seniors, who are in their last year at CFCA. Pull out your best outfit! We look forward to this formal occasion. Your children's Easter outfit will be appropriate for this occasion.

Animal Kingdom - We will be car pooling for this great field trip! Take plenty of pictures to share with the class when we return.

Safety Patrol 2009-2010

Help Wanted: Looking for 4th & 5th grade students who currently demonstrate leadership skills to fill safety patrol positions for next year.

If you are a current 4th or 5th grader and are interested in applying, please see your teacher for an application. The **deadline** for submitting applications to Mrs. Montiel is **Friday, May 8, 2009**.

This leadership opportunity requires that all safety patrol candidates meet the minimum requirements based on a good discipline record.

1st Grade

Mrs. Johnson's class, and the other elementary students, enjoyed watching Mrs. Mehu's class during Chapel last week. Students demonstrated what they had learned about 'contentment' by reading passages and doing skits. Great job first graders!

Students are learning how important it is to recycle plastic, tin cans, glass bottles, and newspapers. As students are working hard at home recycling, they are also learning in school how important it is to save the trees by recycling all kinds of paper. We hope that students will encourage their families to always recycle.

We had three students accept Christ during Resurrection weekend. We are so thrilled to know that Griffin Horn, Parker Theobald, and Zedrick Palmer all made that very important decision and now know that their names are written in the Book of Life. All three along with Rachel Spencer have recently been baptized or will be soon. We are so thrilled to celebrate these wonderful decisions with their parents.

Early Dismissal Days

May 28 and 29 are early dismissal days. Lower School students will be dismissed at 11:30 A.M.



2nd Grade We are really looking forward to our field trip to GATORLAND!!! We are going to be learning about some amazing animals God created! We will also be able to watch some gator wrestling and touch some rough, cold baby "gators". Information will be coming home soon!

In math we have been learning how to subtract big numbers with lots of zeroes! We love going outside in the beautiful sunshine to practice our math problems on the sidewalk with chalk!

We have so many talented students in second grade and are excited for our chapel presentation on Wednesday! We will be talking about contentment and have some great examples of people who have been content in ALL circumstances! I hope you will join us for our special event!



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3rd Grade

Our Third Grade year is quickly winding down. Take some time with your children over the next few weeks to talk about some of their favorite memories of this school year. Whether it was dipping candles at our Colonial Thanksgiving, getting splashed by Shamu, or feeling sad when Charlotte died. We have had an awesome year. Take time to reflect, celebrate, and be proud of your children's accomplishments.

Our goal this final quarter is to finish the year in a way that will honor & glorify God...just the way we started out in August. Field Day & our CFCA Showcase promise to be the wonderful "cherries on top" of a fabulous year. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in raising a generation that not only knows reading, writing & math....but knows and serves our Lord Jesus!

CONCERT

CFCA Honor Choir and Band will be performing in concert on May 7, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

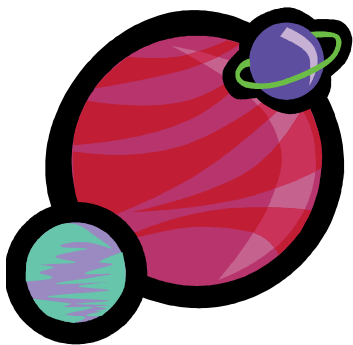


4th Grade

What is it like to leave your home and move to another country? 4th grade is discovering all the sacrifices families endured to move to America. We have been reading Esperanza Rising which tells of a 12 year old girl's struggle to adapt to a new country during the Great Depression.

Students will identify ways that people become citizens of United States. Students participate in strategic reading practices through teacher-led reading instruction and activities. Students will, also, engage in literature discussion and respond to literature through the writing and sharing of journals.

We are starting a science unit on the Solar System in May. We will be leaning how magnificent our God really is! How wonderful it is that HE created everything perfect for us!



5th Grade

Writer's Toolbox Ideas and Content

Students are learning how to use suspense to heighten a reader's interest as they continue to write in their journals. Students are creating suspense by not revealing all the information about their topics at once. Students will review and critique the use of suspense in each other's journal entries.

During 'Peer Conferencing', students read each other's Event/Feeling charts and encourage each other to share ideas that are especially interesting. Students check their journals for 'run-on sentences' and insert punctuation and coordinating conjunctions as needed. Afterwards, students will be reading their journals out loud for the whole class!

EXTRA, EXTRA Read All About It!!!!!! Fifth grade has become a part of a news broadcast. For the news broadcast, the fifth grade has been divided into teams. Each team has been given an assignment. The teams are going to discover the what, why, how, when, and where of different events, places, or people that were involved with World War II. The teams will discover the roles that women played during the war, what happened at Pearl Harbor, what the children went through and how some of them even helped. The teams will report on the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Each team member has been given an assignment: the journalist, the photographer, or the historian. Each student will research and bring their research back to the team. The team will take all their information and present what they discovered in a newscast to the class. The class is excited to research, present, and watch what took place during World War II.

SUMMER AT CFCA!

Have you heard the exciting news about what is planned at CFCA for the summer? Be sure to read about Summer Camp and the Enrichment Workshops. There is something for every grade level. Not only will the children have fun, but they will be learning, as well. Be sure to read the summer brochure sent home in the April 21 folders. All information is available on the school's website, www.cfcacademy.org.

Enrichment Workshops will be opportunities to reinforce academics, explore artistic talents and extend history or science interests. Each Workshop is \$125 with some requiring a small activity fee for supplies. All workshops will be held in the Joy Building with the exception of the Technology Workshops in the computer lab of the C-Building.

CFCA teachers and other professionals will teach workshops related to: math, reading, writing, music theatre, science, technology and kindergarten readiness. Workshops will be one week in length and be from either 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Music Theatre times are the exception.

Sports Camps will be taught by CFCA coaches and their assistants. They will be in football, basketball and volleyball.

FIELD DAY May 28th

We are gearing up for another exciting Field Day! Mark your calendars for May 28th, 2009! The teams have been decided and the colors will be announced soon! Make sure to wear your team colors proudly! The more team spirit, the BETTER!!! We will be doing some of your favorite events from last year, as well as some brand new events this year! What a great way to end a fabulous school year!!

Parent Volunteers: **WE NEED YOU!!!** There will be lots of different ways you can help out. We will need volunteers to bring in snacks, help set up in the morning, help run each station and help clean up when the day is over. You are so appreciated and we know that this day could not be a success without you!

More information will be sent home in Tuesday folders soon!



THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL MAY 29

What a year it has been! Classes will rejoice for a year "well done" with individual class celebrations. Plan on joining the parties. Teachers will be informing you of the details in the weeks ahead. School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m., but as parties end, you may choose to take your children home at that time. A special lunch with your children would be a great ending to the year!

