



News Notes



August 18, 2023

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Dates to remember:

Aug. 20 – School Wide Picnic

Aug. 24 – PFE Parent Training

Sept. 4 – No School

Sept. 5-15 MAP Testing

Sept. 8- Vision & Hearing Screening

Sept. 18-22 – Spirit Week

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE:

Welcome back to a new school year. I am excited about all the wonderful things that will take place this year. We have been diligently preparing for the students and working to be the very best faculty and staff. We are blessed to have a FANTASTIC student body this year.

On the first day of school, we enjoyed a special meet and greet with the entire school and staff in attendance. Kindergarteners were able to shake hands with 8th graders and teachers with students. We had our OAA student workers model what a greeting looks like!

This year we will continue the legacy and traditions of Christian excellence as we make fond memories on our journey together.

Pre-K
Mrs. Yossy Castillo
Mrs. Joanna Davis



We had a very busy week of learning things from sharing to standing in line

and waiting our turn. We got to experience our first fire and tornado drill. I love having each one in my classroom.

Our Bible story for this week was baby Moses. You can look up the story in **Exodus 2:1-9**.

Kindergarten
Mrs. Yossy Castillo



Welcome to kindergarten! We have 11 wonderful students: five boys and six girls. This week we talked about our classroom rules, learned some daily routines, and played in the creek. We also learned that God did wonderful things for each of us and that we "bee-long" to Jesus.

1st & 2nd Grades
Mrs. Jamie Short



Our first week is in the books. This week had a laid-back schedule as we focused on getting to know each other and how we work in our classroom. Our focus has been on building a class family.

Behavior notes have gone home today. Just a quick reminder that the purpose of these notes is to keep you informed of how your child is transitioning as we settle in for this new school year. You will continue to receive these notes weekly through **September** and after that, no news is good news!

Treasure Verse

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6

Please read this verse together with your child and help them begin to memorize it. We will continue to practice next week, and students will be checked on their progress on **Fridays**.

One last thing, if you have not already provided your child with rain boots and a Bible please do so. We will use the boots on rainy or muddy days, or when we go to the creek. Any Bible version will work, this is just so we can practice looking up verses.

3rd & 4th Grades
Mrs. Eva Hill



😊 **Welcome back to school!** It's been such a delight to welcome 23 amazing students to our classroom this year. We have nine boys and 14 girls. Ten are in 3rd grade and 13 are 4th graders. I am already loving this class of your precious children. Thank you for letting me share in their journey!

😊 **Information is sent home each Friday** in a white envelope. Please take a few moments to look through the envelope each week, sign, and return the envelope on **Monday** morning. On most **Fridays**, there will be a grade progress report included, but there is not one in the envelope this first week. Weekly reading minutes should be written in the "Comments" section on the white envelope. Students need to read at least **75 minutes** at home each week.

😊 **Treasure verse quizzes** are weekly, usually on **Fridays**. Next week we will have our first treasure verse quiz on **August 25** over the following verse:
"The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as

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some people think. No, He is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent." 2 Peter 3:9 NLT

😊 **Spelling words for the week** are tested each **Friday**. The word list for next **Friday, Aug. 25**, is in the **Friday** envelope. Many parents keep this in a central place to make practicing the words throughout the week a priority.

5th & 6th Grades Mrs. Tania Miller



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I'm so happy and blessed to have your child in my classroom this year! This week has been successful as we have been getting comfortable with the routines and procedures in our school and classroom. There are nine 6th graders and twelve 5th graders in our class which makes a total of 21 amazing students!

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 the first week of **September**. Please remember that the first book report will be due on the last first of each month, starting in **September**.

***Grade reports** will not be sent out this week. Grade reports will be sent out on the first **Friday** of **September**, so please be on the lookout for that.

***Spelling words:** Our new spelling program individualizes student learning. The students take a pre-test online at myzbportal.com and based on their results, their spelling list is

determined. Please scan the QR code to access the spelling list and to practice with the online tutor. The pre-test must be taken first to know what spelling list is assigned to your child. Spelling tests are every **Friday**. On weeks where we have special events on **Fridays**, we take them the **Thursday** before.

5th Grade Spelling Practice:



6th Grade Spelling Practice:



*Memory Treasure Verse

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Friday Folders: Please be sure to sign and date the outside of your child's **Friday** folder and return it on **Monday**.

7th & 8th Grades

Mr. Demetrius Bell



What a great start to an exciting new school year! 7th and 8th graders embraced this year's theme of "Faith Mountain." It represents our belief that we can grow to be our best by faith in Christ in a safe and positive classroom.

Our keys to success include:

Trust in God through prayer, good study habits, time/organization/critical thinking skills, hard work, and a positive attitude!

The angels (and teachers) rejoiced when several 7-8th graders put their love and faith into action by helping clear the Pre-K playground area of large limbs that had fallen from trees during a recent storm! Thank you, 7-8th grade students!

Thank you, parents, for ensuring your child(ren) have all the school supplies—one of which is a "critter catcher." Guess what we caught and placed in our critter catchers for our science exploration? A skink, some crickets, and grasshoppers (see attached image)! We invited the kindergarten class to see them and were delighted to see their reactions!



Parents are also welcome to visit our classroom and see the exciting progress underway. If you like gardening, **please** share some seeds (cherry tomatoes, zucchini, bell

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peppers, and strawberries), knowledge, and/or time (if possible) to make our budding faith-building gardening project a success!

Memory Verse

Psalm 105:8 (KJV or KJVER)

To be recited from memory with eyes closed by **Thursday, 8/24/23**.

Mrs. Crystal Beierle



Parents, please check in with your children about their library books.

Children will start receiving prizes for AR points they have earned.

Home & School

Students and Family-

Welcome back to OAS! We are so excited you are here!

We are "Cooking Up a Great School Year" is our theme this year! We have some fun activities in store for you!

This Sunday, August 20th from 4:00-6:00 pm is our annual back-to-school picnic! We will have waterslides, food, and fun for all! Hope to see you there!

Remember to continue earning those Box Tops by taking a picture of your grocery receipts in the Box Top App to earn money for the school!

If you are interested in helping with Home and School, please feel free to reach out to our Home and School leader Samrina Cox at 479-220-2184.

IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!!



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