



# Cornerstone Kids

## ...Forgetting...

*the past and looking forward to what lies ahead. — Philippians 3:13 (TLB)*

WELCOME! We hope you had a very blessed Christmas season with family and friends. Time really does fly when you are having fun, and we know that is for sure here at CAO! We have SO MUCH FUN with these kids of yours.

As you know, I am fond of the late Rev. Billy Graham, and I found this devotion from him. I would like to share with you:

As we flick the calendar to a new year, we come face to face with the fact that our days on earth are numbered. As the Psalmist wrote, "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." No thoughtful person can approach New Year's Day without some intro-

spection. We are reminded of the brevity of time. We also look back over

take time to get acquainted with our families. We are not



our failures, mistakes, and missed opportunities, and vow that we will make better use of our time during the coming year. We should take time to be pleasant, to smile, to extend the small courtesies we often omit-to show love to our family. Psychiatrists tell us that most

machines. We are not robots. The secret of a happy home is that members of the family learn to give and receive love. Let us take time to express our love in a thousand ways.

As I begin a new year, Lord Jesus, I pray that my walk through the days ahead will be filled with Your love for others, a love that does not count the

cost.

Many blessings upon you this year! 2019!!!



people are starved for love. Take time for the goodbye kiss; we shall go to work with a sweeter spirit. Let us

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### Staff:

- ☺ Dr. Rebecka Spencer: Administrator
- ☺ Mrs. Janet Adams: Curriculum Director
- ☺ Mrs. Vanessa Shinn: Preschool Teacher
- ☺ Mrs. Kylie Jones: Kindergarten Teacher
- ☺ Mrs. Bethany Warstadt: 1st-3rd grade Teacher
- ☺ Mr. Christenson: 4th-7th grade Science Teacher
- ☺ Mrs. Gina Kjar: 4th-7th grade Math Teacher
- ☺ Pastor Jason McCray: Expository Bible Apologetics Teacher
- ☺ Mrs. Kaitlin Criss: Administrative Assistant
- ☺ Mrs. Monica Miller: 4th-7th grade History Teacher/Teacher Assistant
- ☺ Nursery: Mary Hamilton, Jo Johnson, Arlene Ballinger

### Upcoming Events in January

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| 21 | Martin Luther King Day/<br>No School |
| 24 | Going to Capitol                     |

# So Many Things-December Brings...

December proved to be yet another productive month for all students here at Cornerstone Academy of the Ozarks. We had insightful chapel speakers bringing messages on salvation and advent and with those came a variety of settings. Some of those included dimming the lights and turning on our imaginations in wonder of what it would have been like that starry night when Jesus was born. Awed in wonder, these students shared some very insightful tidbits about their thoughts of the eventful and life changing night. THIS is why we do what we do!

We had the privilege of sharing Christmas carols at the local nursing home. Residents were blessed and each received a special colored ornament by a Cornerstone student.

We had a special potluck lunch after singing at the nursing home and had some time to play with our friends.

Classroom teachers were careful to bring the message in each of their lessons. Younger students constructed calendars and ornaments centering around Christ and weaving math, science, and reading into their activities. Being a small school proves to

be beneficial in many ways including, BRINGING PUPPIES AND



DUCKS TO SCHOOL! Yes, that's right! We had 4 little ducks and 8 little puppies come out to play with the children of Cornerstone before Christmas break. Isn't' it amazing how little critters can bring a smile...or a

screeeeeeeech.....to little faces?!!!! Don't worry...the ducks were well behaved, and the puppies got to spend most of the day outside at the playground since the day was lovely and sunny.

We have many exciting activities and projects planned for 2019,

and hope you will pray with us as we strive to win this generation for Jesus 100%. Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for your prayers! Many blessings!



## OUTRAGEOUS CORNER

- We got many new fun things for Christmas
- Got over an illness
- New enrollments
- I found my puppy
- My ducks are safe
- Went rabbit hunting
- Spent time with family and friends
- Ms. Mona will be teaching devotion on Mondays!



Here in Missouri, we never know what the weather may bring. Isn't that true with our own lives? We just need to depend on Jesus for every breath we breathe and every day we have to live as blessing, taking note to plan ac-



cordingly, of course. Why, one student simply said recently, "just bring a jacket to school no matter what, because it could be warm in the morning, and by recess, we could be playing in snow!" How true this is. Let us be PREPARED! Preparation in life is a great practice for preparing for the life eternal.

We want to extend a very special THANK YOU To our loving and caring volunteer nursery ladies! Mrs. Mary Hamilton, Mrs. Jo Johnson, and Mrs. Arlene Ballinger. Mrs. Mary Hamilton will be leaving us next year, but will help when she can. We ask you to pray for someone else to step in and volunteer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to help care for these precious little children of the teachers. Mary got the nursery program started here at Cornerstone, and we truly desire to keep it going. Our amazing staff is able to bring their little ones to school knowing they are loved and cared for while they teach, love and care for Cornerstone students. facilities, student enrollment, teacher development, and class additions.

Student re-registration forms will be going out in just a few short weeks. We ask you to pray for the coming year regarding

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Connie McCray for preparing hot lunch for students on Mondays.

What a true blessing this has been for Cornerstone families.

It really has helped to take the hustle and bustle out of Monday mornings, and know the kiddos are getting a warm nutritious meal.

Mrs. Adams donates her time and energy on Mondays to teach art to our students. She is working with the children on many things, but the older kids are illustrating a book they are writing in Communication Arts class. You will be able to grab your own copy come spring. More details forthcoming on that! Mrs. Ruth Cutler has been volunteering her time to teach reading class in middle school. We are blessed and thankful to have her.

As you can see, God's hands are at work here in the little mission. We serve a MIGHTY GOD who continues to work in little hearts to get BIG things accomplished. Thank YOU for being a part of HIS BIG plan!





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