

Nydamnews

a monthly newsletter from Joel Nydam

News & Updates

Dear Parents, November 24, 2015

Earlier today, I was reflecting on what a blessing it is to partner with you as parents, grandparents, and special friends to nurture your child(ren) in a Christ-centered environment. As we approach Thanksgiving, I am reminded of the many blessings I am thankful for each day. I encourage you to take those things you are thankful for, write them down, and continually give thanks to our Father who gave us the greatest gift of all!

This time of year is my absolute favorite for many reasons; the change in season, the celebrations with family, the growth in learning that is happening with students, and I get to TRY to grow a beard. (Notice the word try.)

In all seriousness, I love seeing the awesome learning that is going on in the classroom. I have observed kindergarten students starting to read and write, first grade students writing in their journals, second grade students perfecting math facts, third grade students solving word problems, fourth grade students creating catapults, fifth grade students understanding the rock cycle, and sixth grade students digging deep into what is a Christian worldview.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be part of your child(ren)'s educational journey. What a joy it is to serve Christ in this way.

Blessings, Mr. Nydam

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Upcoming Events

- November 25-27: Thanksgiving break
- December 4: No busing due to Anoka-Hennepin schools being closed
- December 4: Bring a Friend to School Day
- December 10: 7th-12th grade choir concert, 7pm
- December 11: Middle school event, 5th-8th grades
- December 17: 7th-12th grade band concert, 7pm
- December 23–January 1: Christmas break
- January 4: School resumes
- January 9-10: Student Council retreat, 5th-12th grades

Joke of the Month:

A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but I soon realized that toucan play at that game.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

Books/Resources to check out...
Facebook -

www.facebook.com/lcamnydam

Parent Resource –
Lead Your Family Like Jesus By: Ken Blanchard & Tricia Goyer

Life at Legacy

We had a great time on Grandparents Day and we loved the special visitor that came to PreK during our school's book fair! Clifford the big red dog came! We read some Clifford books and took some pictures! He gave the kids hugs and high fives! So fun!



Did you see our sssssssscary sssssspiders? Mrs. Beyers kindergarteners were reading stories with the letter S. What a fun way to celebrate learning a new letter!



In second grade, they've been learning about animal adaptations. They know that God created all beings with a purpose and He gave them certain adaptations to survive in their habitat. The kids focused on bird beaks. They had a great time trying to use different tools (beaks) to grab different types of "prey." Some were easy and some more challenging!

Fourth graders have been busy too! In Science they have started learning about simple machines and they made catapults. The kids enjoyed exploring on their own. They used the bouncy balls from Otto from his birthday! Check out these great students with their catapults.



Fifth and sixth graders have a new opportunity this year. In 45 minutes every other week, our students are discovering their true identity in Christ. There is no homework for this enrichment time and our time together is filled with rich conversation, powerful times of reflection, challenge, and encouragement. In quarter one, we have covered some of the amazing topics found in Neil T. Anderson's book, Stomping Out the Darkness. This incredible curriculum reminds us that no matter what we see when we look in the mirror, God sees something better. God accepts us for who we are right now, and He sees us as the people we can become. Kids today need to know how to break free of all the lies and the negative thoughts that bombard their minds. Our kids are learning how to discover the joy of being a child of God. They are loving Legacy Period!

Specialist Report

Get to know Miss Valley

Class: Art Education, PreK-12

Super hero name: Miss Vallcasso

Favorite made up saying: Valleriffic

Definition: Amazing, awesome, glorious.

Example: The weather this year in October was valleriffic, It reminds me of Miss Valley's artwork.

Favorite Bible verse: Psalm 139:14

Favorite coffee drink/beverage: Dirty Chai

Funniest teacher Moment: During a second grade art class one student wiggled their loose tooth out. All the students were so excited by this that they all started wiggling their loose teeth. Three students pulled their loose teeth out that day. I wonder if there would have been more if I didn't tell them to stop.

Teacher highlight of kids: My favorite highlights are when my students accomplish something they didn't think they ever could in their art!

Look what's new:

Miss Valley and her young artists have a wonderful new area to display the artwork created at LCA! Stop by the newly designed stairwell to see the great creations!



Get to know Mr. Davis

Class: 5-6 Computer Technology

Super hero name: Bowtie Warrior

Favorite made up saying: Davimyte

Definition: Used to compliment someone's tie or bowtie fashion.

Example: That dapper dude's bowtie is sure davimyte. Yeah, it sure is valleriffic too!

Favorite Bible verse: Isaiah 41:10

Favorite coffee drink/beverage: Caribou's Northern Lite Latte with hazelnut

Funniest teacher moment: Way too many to list! A few standouts, though, would be a student at a former school parking his car in front of mine so I couldn't get out (and then seeing him in the distance trying a little too hard not to give himself away). More recently here at Legacy, several students in the 5th and 6th grade classes have started referring to me as "Dr. Davis" which still makes me chuckle every time they call me that... I have no idea where it came from, but it's starting to stick!

Teacher highlights of kids: I love the conversations... whether they're regarding an academic concept or if it's something that's been on a student's mind for a long time and they've finally taken the opportunity to talk through it. The conversations and connections are part of what this Christianity thing is all about, so having the opportunities to do that on a nearly-daily basis is inspiring and brings me great joy!

