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ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA

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This summer has been filled with activity, service, and blessing. Outreach activities included a Missions trip to Canada, a Missions Trip to Brazil, Vacation Bible School, Teen War, *Christian Soldiers* Reunion, which was climaxed with the first baptism in the Sauk River, and the Benton County Fair.

The school year starts with Parent Orientation at 7pm, Mon Aug 27th, followed by

- New Student Testing Mon/Tue Aug 27-28th
- Kindergarten testing Tu Aug 28th
- New Monitor Training Aug 27-31
- Monitor Review Training Th-Fri, Aug 30-31st
- Parent Training 9am-3pm Sat Sept. 1st
- GCBA begins 8:30a.m. Tue Sept 4th

In an article from www.newswithviews.com, Paul Proctor said that Evangelicals are being encouraged to remove their children from the government's humanistic school system. He quoted Cal Thomas, "Religious parents should exercise the opportunity that has always been theirs. They should remove their children from state schools with their instruction manuals for turning them into secular liberals, and place them in private schools where they will be taught the truth, according to their parents' beliefs. Too many parents who would never send their children to a church on Sunday that taught doctrines they believed to be wrong, have had no problem placing them in state schools five days a week where they are taught conflicting doctrines and ideas."

Proctor went on to say that kids need to be taken out of evangelical churches that are corrupt with "instruction manuals" that turn them into spiritual liberals with "conflicting doctrines and ideas." Their contemporary rock music is often compromising, spewing out curses and vulgarities at will, and dismisses the "dogmatic" doctrines of God's Word.



Mrs. Merry Moeller
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"HAVE YE NOT READ"

"Have ye not read?" was a challenge Jesus gave to several groups of people in the Gospels. Jesus asked this question to settle a controversy (Matt. 12:3, 5), to answer criticism (Mt. 21:16), to reveal the Lord's doing (Mt. 21:42), and to give understanding about life after death (Mk. 12:26). Reading was an important skill that Jesus wanted people to use.

At Granite City Baptist Academy we consider Reading a vital course of study. Reading is one of the three main studies of education – Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic – and it begins at the youngest level of instruction. Pre-school Reading continues to be emphasized throughout the student's entire educational process.

The Reading Program starts with a strong phonetic program. The phonic approach moves a reader from mastery of single sounds to individual words, grouping words into sentences and then to stories or information resource.

Once a student has mastered the phonetic program, the curriculum endeavors to produce and enhance comprehension of material read. This is accomplished by systematic questioning in subjects like Science and Social Studies. At the completion of a subject studied, the student is tested for understanding of material read. Students must pass the exam to insure comprehension of the material (90% for grades 1-3, and 80% for grades 4-12).

The best way to enhance any skill is to create *desire*. The Accelerated Christian Education curriculum uses good, godly literature to encourage avid readers.

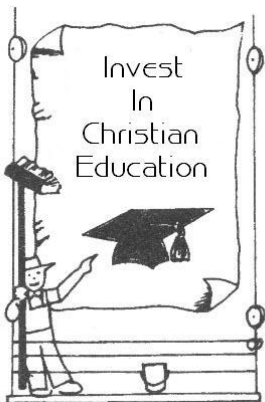
Do your children have reading skills to enable them to answer Jesus' question, "Have ye not read?" with a "yes"?

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Proctor said he had read an eye-opening piece online in *Relevant Magazine*, written by a stunned young woman who recently had the scales of deception fall from her eyes when she witnessed, much to her shock and dismay, her “Idol” and “Christian brother,” Bono lead his adoring audience in a hypnotic mantra, chanted in unison at a concert she attended that went like this: “*Jesus, Jew, Mohammed – all true. Jesus, Jew, Mohammed – all true...*” This former fan and follower of Brother Bono and his acclaimed band said: “I suddenly wanted to crawl out of my skin.”

We often emphasize the three-fold cord in Eccl. 4:12, “*And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*” The child will grow up with security when the home, church, and school all agree. Pr. 19:27 makes it clear that Christian kids should not be in secular education that is atheistic, humanistic, or materialistic.

The first day of school is always an exciting day. Classrooms are in order, bulletin boards are fresh and new, offices are all decorated with beautiful pictures and charts, and the students and teachers are all smiling. The students demonstrate energy and enthusiasm as teachers explain goals and expectations for the new school year. Dynamic teachers seek to create daily anticipation through the entire school year. I am sure the students will look forward to the new rainbow playground set, and we look forward to working with students and parents this coming school year!



Christian education doesn't cost, it pays eternal dividends!

Mrs. Moeller continued

The second main ingredient in education is writing. God also uses this skill in communicating to mankind in his preserved Word, the Bible. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, godly men wrote words to communicate God's message to mankind.

Tips for parents from Jan J. Olsen, Pediatric Occupational Therapist:

1. Do it correctly yourself: Remember that children learn by imitating you, so make sure that you are holding your pencil and forming your letters correctly.
2. Sit up straight: Make sure your child can sit with feet on the floor and that her arm can move freely wherever she writes, at home or school.
3. Read: Show your children the importance of communicating through words.
4. Sing: When you sing the alphabet song, show your children the letters as you sing. Sing songs that use their fingers, like “Itsy Bitsy Spider” and “The Crayon Song”.
5. Draw: Children who draw often write better. For young drawers, give them broken pieces of chalk or crayons to use. They will have no choice but to hold these small pieces correctly.
6. Move: Teach spatial words like “under, over, top, middle, and bottom” by using visual representations. Put one hand under another, etc.
7. Go “Top Left”: Get children in the habit of going from top to bottom and left to right.
8. Give them little bites: Encourage children, even ones as young as nine months old, to pick up small objects with their fingers, like tiny pieces of food. It will help to develop writing muscles and good coordination.
9. Play: Encourage preschoolers to use finger paints and sponges to strengthen writing muscles and reinforce coordination.
10. Ask: Discuss with your child's teacher what resources are available to help develop their skills.

Fun Activities You Can Do at Home with the Kids

1. Make cookie letters. Have your child form the letters by rolling the dough and putting the pieces together.
2. Put letters on a die and have your child roll the dice. Have child write a word that starts with the letter.
3. Make letters on the wall using a flashlight. You or your child guess the letter that was made. Also you can cut out letter templates to place in front of the flashlight.
4. While your child is in the bathtub, have him draw letters on the wall of the tub in shaving cream or soap paint. Ceramic tiles work well as slates.
5. Form letters out of French fries.
6. Trace letters in the snow or sand.
7. Form letters out of Play-Doh or clay.
8. Make letters with pipe cleaners.
9. Have your children write your shopping list.

COMING EVENTS

Dan Gardner, Missionary to Japan, 10:30am/6pm	Aug 26
ACE Educators' Convention, Fri	Sept 7
GCBA Soccer/VB Tournament, Th/Fri	Sept 14, 15
Kinderg./JLC Reward Activity: Soc/VB Tourn.	Sept 14
Kids' & Parents' Expo, Rivers Edge Conv. Center	Oct 20
Set Free Program: overcoming habits/addictions Every Friday 7-9pm	