



September 5, 2017

Combining
Christian
Virtues
with
Discipline
and
Excellent
Academics



GRIT

G – Guts, moral fiber, showing courage

R – Resilience, keep trying, bounce back

I – Integrity – Doing what is right

T – Tenacity – never giving up

From the Desk of Michael Zientek



On behalf of the faculty and staff, we hope you had a restful Labor Day Holiday! We are beginning the fifth week of the 2017-18 school year. This means we will soon be reaching the mid-way point of the first quarter. The month of August flew by and before you know it, the first quarter's end will be upon us.

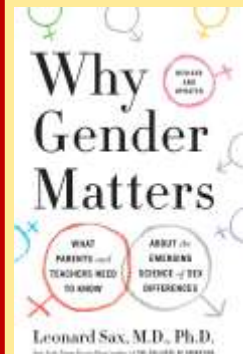
EASYCBM... Teachers in all grades K-8 have been administering the Fall EasyCBM Benchmark Assessment in Reading and Math. This battery of tests helps us to determine if a child is above, at or below grade level in Reading and Math. If they are below grade level (in this case the 50th percentile) chances are we will suggest an intervention or extra practice to improve their skills. During the parent-teacher conferences, teachers will be sharing the results with parents. Here are few things to keep in mind as we progress through the school year.

1. If your child reads 15 minutes each day, he or she will likely read at grade level. If he or she reads an hour each day he or she may be at the 99th percentile.
2. If your child knows their math facts by heart and can answer a question like "how much is 4 x 6 within 1-2 seconds, they will be better equipped to do mathematical problem-solving. Students should not be using calculators to solve basic math problems.
3. Your child may be able to read fluently but be having difficulty comprehending what he or she is reading, spending time daily asking them to explain what they have read, will aid them in comprehension.
4. One of the keys to improving comprehension is vocabulary. The more words one is exposed too, the more likely they are to comprehend what they are reading. When one is reading, making notes will help with comprehension and recalling what was read.

5.

The reason teachers ask student to do homework is to achieve the following:

- To instill a skill taught in class.
- To provide ongoing repetition; to gain understanding of a skill or concept takes reviewing the skill at least 7 times.
- To master a skill previously taught, one has to practice the skill many times. A child may get it (the skill) in class, but if they don't practice the skill they will not master it.
- In order to be good at anything, regardless if it is writing an essay or shooting fouls shots on the basketball court, one must practice, practice, and practice.



Are boys and girls really that different? Twenty years ago, doctors and researchers didn't think so. Back then, most experts believed that differences in how girls and boys behave are mainly due to differences in how they were treated by their parents, teachers, and friends. On September 15, 2017 there will be a Home and School general meeting in the Library after drop off. During this meeting I will be presenting some food-for-thought on the differences gender has in students learning and parenting. I will be sharing some of the research of Dr. Leonard Sax, M.D., PHD. Please consider attending the meeting.

This and That

We have a '4 x 8' white board that is in good shape and would work great in someone's garage or bonus room. If you are interested, please contact Michael Zientek at 901-853-7804.

Book Samples... We have a number of text book samples that are looking for a new home. If you are interested, please contact the office at 901-853-7804.

The Chess Club will meet for the first time on Monday September 11, 2017 after school until 4:00 pm.

Parents, if your child is planning to ride home with another child's parent, we will need a note or call to the school.



Home & School



You can support ICS when you shop at Kroger! Simply sign up through Kroger's **Community Rewards Program** to designate Incarnation School to receive rebates each time your Kroger Plus card is swiped!

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Visit <http://krogercommunityrewards.com> and create an account, and then designate Incarnation School (**ID# 80285**) as your organization of choice. It only takes about 5 minutes, and ICS will then benefit each time your Kroger Plus card is swiped!

Once you enroll in the program, the bottom of your register receipt will verify Incarnation School as your designated organization.

This is such a super easy and free way to support ICS! Please encourage your family and friends who live in Kroger's Delta Region (which encompasses stores in **Memphis, Arkansas, Mississippi, western Kentucky and southern Missouri**) to designate ICS as their organization of choice also! Our rebate percentage opportunity increases significantly with our number of participants!

Thanks for your support of ICS!

Calendar - Elementary School

September 2017

Monday, September 4	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, September 6	ERW
Friday, September 8	New Family Breakfast-8:00am; Fellowship Hall
Thursday, September 14	Beta Induction
Friday, September 15	Home & School Meeting
Wednesday, September 20	ERW
Tuesday, September 26	Virtus Training 6– 8pm Library
Thursday, September 28	Guardian Angel Day and Pet Blessing

ICS Prayer Box

PLEASE KEEP OUR ICS FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS BY PRAYING THE ROSARY, DAILY!

For Bishop Martin Holley, Fr. Jacek & Fr. Peter, as they guide us in our faith.

For those serving our country in the Armed Forces, Fire and Police Departments.

For those students struggling to learn may they be inspired to keep working hard.

For families discerning as to whether they should send their Children to ICS.

For the Families affected by Hurricane Harvey.

For our ICS Families, may they be blessed with good health.

For peace in the Far East., specifically North & South Korea.

For any special intentions we hold in the silence of our hearts.



Speech and Language Development in Young Children

It's fun to watch your Preschooler's growth and measure their height. But how can you measure your child's development in other areas such as age appropriate language skills, especially when strong language skills have such a connection to literacy development in Kindergarten and beyond. Your child's vocabulary will support their reading comprehension. And your child's oral language skills can support their ability to decode text. So how can you help your child develop their language skills.

1. Speak to your child in clear, correct, and simple manner. Talking to your child in complete sentence and expecting them to answer is complete sentences build their language skills.
2. Take the time each day to listen and talk with your child. What did you at school to day is a good starter but you can talking what you see out the window as you drive or what you are doing as your cook dinner.
3. When you are speaking with your child, model good listening behavior,
4. Encourage your child to use language (and not just gestures or actions) to express ideas, observations, and feelings. You might have to explain point the difference between mad

and sad but in no time they will be using those words.

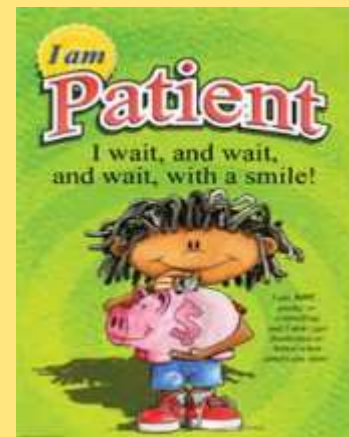
5. Engage your child in activities and game that require listening and follow direction. Simon Says is always fun.

Janna Hacker & Associates will be at the Preschool Monday, September 11th and Tuesday, September 12th for Speech/Hearing Screeners. Please return your signed permission slip, if you would like your child to see Janna Hacker and her crew when they visit.



September Christian Virtue Spotlight

Good things come to those that wait, but try telling that to a Preschooler. For young child past and future are way to abstract to understand, they live in the moment. Typically by age two child are able to sit tight for a brief spell when asked. By the time your child turns three, you can expect them to hang in there for several minutes and occupy themselves. However, as parents and educators we can help children even as young as two work on this skill. We simply have to explain, model, and reinforce the concept. At Preschool, we explain patience as waiting, waiting, and waiting with a smile. This month each class will heard stories about a child who were patient...or maybe some of the characters were still working on their patience but you get the point. One story was about a young child who went to the ice cream shop. There was a long line to place their order. Have tried many ways the child learner the only way to get to the counter was to wait, wait, and wait with a smile. Just like the child in the story, there are many ways in every day life to virtue to reinforce the virtue of patience, while standing in line to wash



hands before snack or when waiting for a tricycle to be available, we have many moments to practice to this virtue. At each of these times you can hear teachers praising students for their patience.

Seesaw in the Classroom

We are so excited to offer parents another window into the classroom. Seesaw gives teachers the ability to share with you some of the exciting learning going on in the classroom. And because of this each teacher has set a personal goal of posting at least one item to Seesaw each week. Some days/weeks activities may allow teachers to post more.



Preschool Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
September 4 Labor Day No School	5	6	7 Chapel @10:00 am	8 Chapel @10:00 am
11	12 Speech/Hearing Screening by Janna Hacker & Associates 3 yr-5yr	13 Speech/Hearing Screening by Janna Hacker & Associates 3 yr-5yr	14	15
18	19 Vision Screener by First Focus	20 Vision Screener by First Focus	21 Fire Safety @10:00 am	22 Fire Safety @10:00 am



Preschool Lunch Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 No School	5 Snack: Cheddar Pop Chicken Tenders Mac and Cheese Veggie /Fruit	6 Snack: Cinn Toast Crunch Cheese Ravioli Veggie/Fruit	7 Snack: Oreos/Spider Cheese Pizza Veggie Fruit	8 Snack: Oreos/Spider Cheese Pizza Veggie Fruit
11 Snack: Cheez It 1/2 Cheeseburger Veggie Fruit	12 Snack: Cheddar Chex Mix Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Mexican Rice	13 Snack: Cheddar Pop Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Veggie/Fruit	14 Snack: Graham Crack- er/Sheep Cheese Pizza Veggie Fruit	15 Snack: Graham Crack- er/Sheep Cheese Pizza Veggie Fruit



New Family Breakfast 2017

Friday, September 8th

Incarnation Fellowship Hall

8:15 am

Our Home & School Association will provide a yummy breakfast for you to enjoy. This is a great opportunity to meet other families new to our school and visit with Incarnation Administration and the H & S Board.

Please RSVP to Karen Miranda at karen.miranda@incarnationcollierville.org or 850.2694 by Wednesday, September 6th. We Look forward to seeing you!



Join us for the

HOME AND SCHOOL

**GENERAL MEETING – OPEN TO ALL
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 8:15 A.M.**

INCARNATION LIBRARY

Mr. Zienteck will give a presentation on learning and gender differences in kids.



Chess Club Member Registration

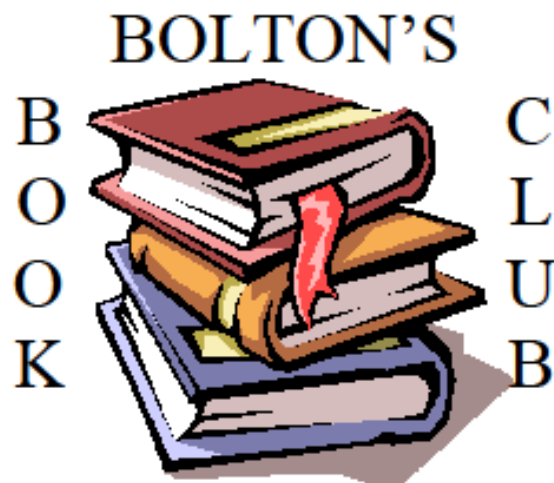
Chess Club will begin September 11. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. Meetings will last from 3:15 until 4:00. Students must be picked up at 4:00 or will be sent to aftercare.

Player's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____



We are starting a new club to give an opportunity to students who enjoy reading! Bolton's Book Club will read *Wonder*, *The Story of Ferdinand*, *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, and *A Wrinkle in Time*. We will meet in the library during the scheduled times below. For any interested students (and parents!), check out the books below and find your favorite! You will need to purchase the book before we meet. After we read and discuss our book club book, we will attend a movie of the book at Malco Collierville (on a weekend night). E-mail Ms. Bolton at mary.bolton@incarnationcollierville.org if you are interested in joining Bolton's Book Club!



Wonder by R.J. Palacio

AR Level: 4.8

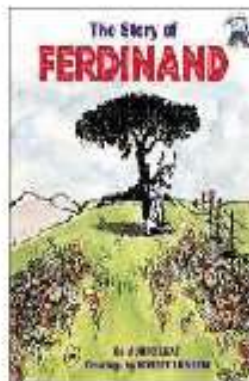
Interest Level: Grades 4 – 8

Reading: On own and will discuss in book club

Synopsis: This beloved middle-grade novel follows Auggie Pulman's year in fifth grade. Homeschooled and facially deformed, Auggie enters a private school where he experiences mean bullies, true friendship, and an inspiring, compassionate teacher.

Book Club Schedule: October 23 and November 6 from 3:15 – 3:45

Movie: In theaters November 17 (we will discuss date we will attend)



The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf

AR Level: 3.7

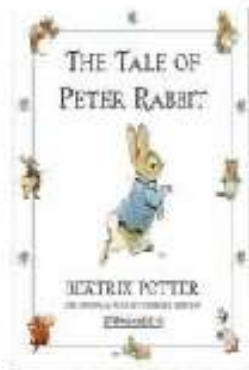
Interest Level: Grades K – 3

Reading: Read during book club

Synopsis: This classic of children's literature is a warmhearted, charming story of a bull who prefers smelling flowers to fighting. Munro Leaf's unforgettable words and Robert Lawson's simple pen-and-ink illustrations show readers that they must choose their own path, despite what others may say or think

Book Club Schedule: November 20 and December 4 from 3:15 – 3:45

Movie: In theaters December 15 (we will discuss date we will attend)



The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

AR Level: 4.2

Interest Level: Grades K – 3

Reading: Read during book club

Synopsis: Who doesn't love rebellious Peter Rabbit, who, despite his mother's warning, explores the garden of Mr. McGregor and gets chased out with a rake? Frightened and out of breath, Peter finally sees the gate and slips back home. He's put to bed with a dose of chamomile tea while his three well-behaved sisters enjoy blackberries and milk.

Book Club Schedule: January 29 and February 5 from 3:15 – 3:45

Movie: In theaters February 9 (we will discuss date we will attend)



A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

AR Level: 4.7

Interest Level: Grades 4 – 8

Reading: On own and will discuss in book club

Synopsis: This classic from 1962 has been many middle-grade readers' intro to science fiction. But the story of a scientifically minded girl's quest through time and space to find and rescue her physicist father has lots of heart, too.

Book Club Schedule: March 5 and March 19 from 3:15 – 3:30

Movie: In theaters March 9 (we will discuss date we will attend)

September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Cheese Pizza Pasta w/ Butter Veggie and Fruit	2
3 Chicken Tenders \$3.00 a la cart	4 NO LUNCH LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	5 Chicken Tenders Mac n Cheese Veggie and Fruit	6 Cheese Ravioli Sister Schubert Roll Veggie and Fruit	7 Mandarin Orange Chicken Egg Roll Veggie and Fruit	8 Cheese Pizza Pasta w/ Butter Veggie and Fruit	9
10 Chicken Tenders \$3.00 a la cart	11 Cheese Burger Veggie and Fruit	12 Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Mexican Rice Veggie and Fruit	13 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Sister Schubert Roll Veggie and Fruit	14 Hot Dog Tater Tots Veggie and Fruit	15 Cheese Pizza Pasta w/ Butter Veggie and Fruit	16
17 Chicken Tenders \$3.00 a la cart	18 Beef & Cheese Nachos Mexican Rice Veggie and Fruit	19 Chicken Tenders Mac n Cheese Veggie and Fruit	20 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Veggie and Fruit	21 Cheese Ravioli Sister Schubert Rolls Veggie and Fruit	22 Cheese Pizza Pasta w/ Butter Veggie and Fruit	23
24 Chicken Tenders \$3.00 a la cart	25 Cheese Burger Chips Veggie and Fruit	26 Baked Potato Chili Side Veggie and Fruit	27 Hot Dog Tater Tots Veggie and Fruit	28 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Sister Schubert Rolls Veggie and Fruit	29 Cheese Pizza Pasta w/ Butter Veggie and Fruit	30