

# Library Newsletter

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## Kindergarten and First Grade

### Special Thanks:

Parents are the key to making our library a wonderful place for students of all ages. The books in our library are written by Christian publishers or screened by our dedicated parents. Eden parents have donated excellent books and supported our successful Book Fair. Other parents add the protective coverings to protect our paperback books or input books to our library catalog. Thank you to all the parents that partner with the Eden Christian Academy Berkeley Hills Library.

This year in Kindergarten and 1st grade Library I have been using ideas gleaned from a workshop called "Integrating Performing Arts into the Early Childhood Classroom." One book I used these ideas with is *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. We began with the Story Box—I gave them clues and the children guess the elements of the story I have hidden in the Story Box. It is an engaging way for the students to

make connections and get excited about the book.

The next week we read the book and assigned hand motions to the phrase that repeats throughout the book (same as the title). Then we talked about a bad day we have had and drew a picture of it.

The following week we reread parts of the story and discussed how Alexander's attitude made his day bad.

We read Phil. 4:8 "whatever is true,

noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." We discussed how Alexander could have had a good attitude and a good day. The students drew a 2nd version of their picture from the previous week.

The students showed how a Godly attitude can make a bad day better.

Come see some examples of student drawings on the library bulletin board.

## Second Grade

Each week students have an opportunity to give short book reviews about the books they checked out the previous week. It's amazing how this broadens students' interests as

they explore new genres and subjects they hadn't considered reading about. It promotes personal confidence and respect for others' opinions. Students are also given free time to

explore the library and choose new books. During this time, they practice using shelf markers and taking responsibility for the care of the library. There is always quiet time to read and draw.

***Teach the wise, and they will become wiser. Instruct those who live right, and they will gain more knowledge.***

***Wisdom begins with fear and respect for the LORD.***

***Knowledge of the Holy One leads to understanding.***

***Proverbs 9:9-10***

## Third and Fourth Grade

Students in third and fourth grade are eagerly learning to search materials in the library using the RenWeb library catalog. They are quite excited to independently look for books that match their interests. In conjunction with this, they are learning to be ex-

perts on locating materials in the library using the Dewey Decimal System. This week, they watched a silly and informative video called the Dewey Decimal Rap to learn the organizational system for non-fiction books. They then reviewed the infor-

mation covered in the video by playing a game of Dewey Decimal concentration. It is important for students to understand library organization so they can take ownership of the library and take advantage of all it has to offer.

## Fifth and Sixth Grade

Students in fifth and sixth grade are involved in a study skills program called, *You Can Take Charge*. Each week they tackle topics that they can apply to help them become better students. Some

topics they have covered are time management, organization, study tips, and test preparation.

Recently, they practiced evaluating print resources that will be used for a social studies re-

search project. Not only is it important for students to have access to library resources, it is also necessary for students to be able to recognize whether or not a resource is credible or suitable to their needs.