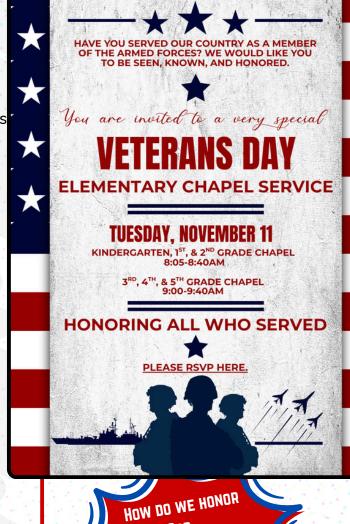


CAL CONNECTION

Dates & Reminders:

- November 6th Open House for prospective families (After School Care closing at 5pm)
- November 7th PD Day NO SCHOOL
- November 11th Veterans Day Chapel service
- November 12th -19th Book Fair
- November 17th PAC performance for Parents/families
- November 18th Operation Christmas Child Collection day
- November 24th Kindergarten Thanksgiving Program for parents/families
- November 26th 28th Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL
- <u>December 2nd</u> 1st and 2nd grade Christmas Program for parents/families
- <u>December 4th</u> 3rd Grade Christmas Program for parents/families
- <u>December 5th PTO Elementary Movie Night</u>
- <u>December 19th</u> Class Christmas Parties
- <u>December 22nd January 2nd</u> Christmas Break NO SCHOOL
- January 5th Teacher In-Service NO SCHOOL
- January 6th Second semester begins!

Please email elreception@caschools.us with all attendance or dismissal changes. Changes must be made by 1pm and early dismissals conclude @2:15 each day.



Gratitude involves acknowledging that we do not accomplish anything on our own. We rely on others—<u>especially God</u>—and must express appreciation for what others do for us.

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Being grateful is simply saying "thank you." It means recognizing that a kind act has been performed for us, which we did not earn through our own efforts.

Gratitude is the opposite of selfishness: to be truly grateful, one must understand that they are not the only significant person in the world.

Expressing gratitude for the kindness we receive inspires us to extend kindness to others in return.



Each week in November we will have a new question about gratitude for you to explore with your student.

Week One Question: What does it mean to be grateful?

Read: Deuteronomy 8:10, Psalm 18:49, Luke 17:15-18, Philippians 4:6



"NO DIVISION ALLOWED"

Here at CAL we desire for us all to draw into ultimate unity with Jesus Christ and into Christlike unity with one another. (1 Cor. 1:10)

Check out this new Youtube series from our Biblical Unity department based on ______ 1 Corintians.



New episodes each week!

Do you know someone interested in joining our CAL family?

OPEN HOUSE

for prospective families! Thursday, November 6th

Find all the details and register <u>here.</u>

Blaze new trails, Discover new tales... It's book fair time! November 12-19

The Storyglory Kids book fair is coming soon! Click <u>HERE</u> for information on how to shop online. Click <u>HERE</u> for a look at the online catalog.

Parents are welcome to come shop with their child! We have a few guidelines for this:

- There are no eWallets for this book fair. We accept cash, checks made payable to CAL, credit cards, or Storyglory Kids gift cards.
- Parents are welcome to come during your child's assigned book fair time. Please do not come at a separate time to pull your child out of class to shop.
- Siblings may not be checked out of class to shop with a parent.
- Check in at the front desk and meet your child at the elementary library.
- Gift cards can be purchased at:
 http://storyglorykids.com/giftcards.
 Please send in a paper copy with your student. We are unable to look up gift cards online. This is a great way to bless your classroom teacher, too!!

Online shopping open November 12-19 at: storyglorykids.com/cal. Use code: 20%toCAL

Are you looking for ways to serve at our school? | Click here to volunteer!

What's for lunch? Click here for our menu.



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A huge thank you to the Middletown Dairy Queen for donating free ice cream cones to the students who completed the October Book Taco contest! They were greatly appreciated!

LEGO CHALLENGE

FINALE!

Check out this video to see what our students made for the teacher reflection and fall break lego challenges!



the Chapel Corner

Join us for Chapel! <u>Tuesdays</u>

Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades

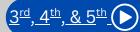
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 3^{rd} , 4^{th} , and 5^{th} grades

8:55-9:30 Not able to join us for chapel?

Check out the video link below!





Chapel Family Questions:

"Who are three people you spend the most time with at home, school, or on your team? Do they make it easy or hard for you to make choices that honor Jesus?"

The people we spend time with shape our hearts. We want friends who encourage us to be kind, honest, and faithful, making it easier to follow Jesus.

"What's one thing you can do this week to serve someone—like an act of kindness or a chore—without expecting a 'thank you'?"

Serving means noticing a need and meeting it, even when it's hard or unnoticed (e.g., helping a sibling, cleaning up a mess you didn't make). This is how we practice loving our neighbor.

DID YOU KNOW...

We have the answers to many of your questions available in the Elementary section of the <u>CAL English Station web page.</u>

Check out our

Documents and Links

page for lots of

important info!

Elementary Athletics

Extracurriculars & Clubs

A Note from the Counselors:

Hello CAL EL Families!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and did you know that practicing gratitude - the quality of being thankful, is good for you? An article from "Ask About My Faith" talks about how children who learn to be grateful are more emotionally resilient later in life and how Paul explains in Philippians "that gratitude and prayer are an antidote to anxiety. Instead of dwelling on the past or worrying about the future, he encourages us to recognize all that "is excellent or praiseworthy."" How awesome is that!

Here are some ideas on ways you and your student can practice gratitude wherever you go:

- Have family "blessing" meetings where you gather together and discuss the blessings God has given your family. Pick a different Bible verse to anchor the discussion.
- Keep a journal write down people, places, and things you are grateful for and that inspire you.
- Hang a "gratitude" poster up in the house for each family member to post what they are thankful for.
- Write thank you cards and encouraging notes to people in the hospital or in a senior living facility.
- Say "Please" and "Thank You"
- Pay It Forward pick a place that as a family you can volunteer/serve to help others.
- Random Acts of Kindness
 - Hold the door open for someone walking behind vou
 - Wash the dirty dishes in the sink even if they are not your dishes
 - Pick up toys left out even if they are not your toys
 - Ask mom or dad if you can help them clean up after dinner
 - What are some other "random acts of kindness" you can think of?

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever." Psalm 136:1

-The Counseling Team Kate Black and Ashton Brown