

worked in his heart to bring about true repentance without my scolding him.

The teachable moment, however, was not just for my son. While I was the offended party, there was not one time I stopped loving my son. Even in the heat of the moment, I would have given my life for him if circumstances had required it. Isn't this how Christ loves us? It is unconditional. No matter what my son could ever say or do to me, it will never cause me to stop loving him or stop praying for him. During his time of repentance, I held him and shared my love for him. God's love is like this...only to a greater degree.

Please, please, please...never rush through the teachable moments with your children. They are so important to their formation as individuals and believers in Christ. These times are God-ordained moments to mold the next generation of believers. Pray for godly wisdom and approach your children with the love of Christ.

But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-5)

P L E A S E N O T E . . .

The fall and winter times of year bring with them many festivities and celebrations. As a Christ-centered school CLA does not celebrate Halloween. Each family can choose to approach this holiday as they wish, but we ask that no Halloween material or party invitations be brought to school.

Also, at Christmas, CLA will maintain a focus on the Biblical message of Christ's birth. Any discussion of Santa Claus will be referred back to the home. Please direct any questions on these policies to Mr. McCready.

CLA NEWS

CLA Banquet- Our 2nd Annual Fundraising Banquet will be held at the Athens Regional Park at the indoor pavilion on October 7th from 6:30-8PM. All students will be participating. Please let the school office know if you have friends or family that would like to attend. This is our major fundraiser of the year...and we need your help!

Picture Day- Student and classroom pictures will be taken on the morning of October 14th. Unfortunately, there will be no make-up days. Pictures will arrive prior to the Christmas break. Students will be required to wear their dress uniform for the classroom pictures, but can wear the alternate uniform options for their individual portraits.

Report Cards- First Quarter Report Cards will be sent home on October 25th. Students with all A's will be placed on the Headmaster's Scholar List. Students with all A's and B's will be placed on the Achiever's List.

Grandparent's Day- Our 2nd annual Grandparent's Day will be on November 11th from 9AM until Noon. Grandparents will be invited to visit their grandchild's classroom, enjoy lunch, and attend a special assembly.

Dress Uniform- The student dress uniform is the red CLA polo shirt and khaki pants/ shorts/ skirt. Students are required to wear the dress uniforms each Wednesday.

Chapel Services- Chapel is each Wednesday at 9:55AM. The speakers are listed on the school calendar. Parents and extended family are welcome to attend. Students are required to wear their dress uniforms on chapel days.

School Lunches- Lunches cost \$3.00 (with the exception of Friday Pizza Day which is \$1.50 for 2 slices). Please make payment for the coming week's lunch on the Friday before. Please do not pay for more than one week at a time.

Substitute Teachers- If you are interested in being placed on the substitute teacher list, please contact Mr. McCready (423.649.0040 or rmccready@clak12.org). According to Tennessee law, all substitutes are required to submit to a background check.

CLA Text Broadcasts- When school closes unexpectedly, we will notify parents through our phone-tree system. If you would like to receive a text of school closings, please text the letters CLA to 292929.



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Teachable Moments

Robert McCready, Headmaster

Teachable moments are goldmines to parents. They are all around us. This morning on the way to school, my son was asking all kinds of questions about tornados. How tall do they get? How fast can they go? What makes them look dark? Are there tornados around here? Inside I was feeling a little exasperated at all the questions, but the Lord reminded me to be patient and answer the best that I could. Once we arrived at school, I was reminded that these moments will not be here much longer. The time I have to train my children is fleeing away. ...second grade today, graduation tomorrow...



Tonight, a teachable moment of a greater degree came about. I will not go into all the details, but an opportunity arose where my response to my son could have pushed him away from me or helped to mold him more into the image of Christ. Without my prompting, God did a work that caused my son to voluntarily repent of something he had said. He was broken and wept because of his sin. While it hurt to see him sad, I was glad that God had

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