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MASSEY'S MESSAGE

In an effort to facilitate effective communication between home and school, I am excited to publish this, our first School Newsletter for the 2007-2008 school year.

My goal is to consolidate important information in this one document, published monthly. I trust this effort will be helpful to parents as you go about your busy daily routines.

Please take a few moments to read through this newsletter. Working together, we can continue to provide your children, our students, with the best opportunity to reach their full potential in growth and development.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS AT 10 A.M.!

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

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PARENTING TIPS

Discipline for Defiant Behavior

Has your child ever deliberately defied you? He looked you right in the eye and threw that food down to the floor, or crossed his arms across his chest and refused to make his bed? Well, welcome to parenthood!

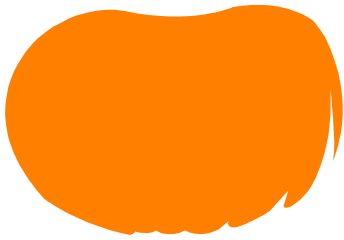
A child's "job" is to test his parents. Truly. They test the waters, push the envelope, stretch the limits, because they want to know what their boundaries are. They NEED to know what their boundaries are and the only way to find that out is to try you.

Once we, as parents, realize our child is simply "doing his job" and we stop taking the defiant behavior personally, we will begin to be successful. Remember these helpful tips:

- React to your child's behaviors with NO emotion; simply explain "this is what you did and this is your consequence".
- Be consistent. Do not allow your mood or busy schedule to change your expectations. You will only confuse your child's understanding of where the parameters are.
- Work out your "discipline plan" with your spouse and anyone else who supervises your child. The rules need to be the same, wherever the child is and with whomever is in charge at the moment.
- Don't give up! Proper discipline will be very tough the first few weeks; but, if you remain consistent, your life will be much easier, long term.
- Forgive yourself. Parents make mistakes. When you mess things up, try again. Your kids are worth your perseverance.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ FALL FESTIVAL
- ◆ MERCY'S WELL CONCERT
- ◆ THANKSGIVING FEAST



FALL FESTIVAL

The Church and Primary School PTO will join together to host our annual FALL FESTIVAL, Saturday, November 10, 2007, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We will feature a Dunk Tank, Bounce Houses, Cake Walk, Football Den, Games, Crafts, Food, Fellowship, a Silent Auction, and much more.

All proceeds will benefit church and school programs and our local ministries. You won't want to miss this fun day for the entire family.

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MERCY'S WELL CONCERT

We are pleased and excited to announce a free concert on Saturday, November 17th, 6 p.m.! Mercy's Well, a fabulous trio, singing Gospel Music, will be joining us for a fun-filled evening of music! This is another wonderful opportunity to bring your entire family and join together for an uplifting evening. Remember, this is a free concert! Check them out on the web at www.mercyswell.com

There will be a Reception following the concert for an opportunity for food and fellowship and some time to get to mingle with the guys of Mercy's Well.

A free will offering will be taken up at intermission to help defray the travel costs for the group. We hope you'll join us!

A nursery will be available for children 2 years and younger.

*"Thanks be to
God, through Jesus
Christ our Lord."
Romans 7:25*

THANKSGIVING FEAST

We will host our Annual Thanksgiving Feast for Rooms 7, 8, 9, 11, 4, and Primary School on Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 11 a.m. Our students will experience the gathering together of friends and family as they celebrate and give thanks for the many blessings we receive every day of our lives.

Letters have been sent home, asking for specific food donations from students in each class. We will gather together to give thanks and ask the Lord's blessings upon our families, school, community, country, and the world. Our God is an awesome God and with Him, all things are possible!

TEACHING TIPS

Age-Appropriate Ways to Teach Your Child About God

You are your child's first teacher. Every day, you teach your child by what you model for him/her. Cognitively, your child cannot grasp the abstract concept of God; however, in your daily interaction with your child, you can begin to introduce God by:

- Praying regularly (i.e. before meals, bedtime, giving thanks, asking for help)
- Pointing out God's creation and speaking about Him as the Creator of all things
- Reading Bible stories and singing Bible songs as a part of daily activities
- Watching children's Christian-based DVDs as an alternative to network television
- Becoming an active member of a church family to model the importance of worship and involvement in ministries