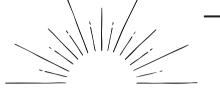


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"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Proverbs 9:10



SAVE THE DATE School Field Trip

November 9th at 8:30 a.m. We will go to St. George to visit the Dinosaur Museum and the Botanical Garden. Please send a sack lunch that is ready to eat.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

MCA's Annual Christmas Program is Thursday, Dec,14th -6:30 p.m. at River Valley Bible Church.

Please invite family & friends!

THE PARADE OF LIGHTS

MCA will have a float in the parade on Thursday Dec. 7th at 5:30 p.m. We would like the students to be on the float, or walking beside it.

The entry fee is 25 lbs. of food to be donated to the needy. We are asking families to donate 2-3 cans of food. Please leave at front desk. Thank you!



"You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Psalm 139:13-14



A note from the principal......

REGARDING THE GIFT OF A CHILD



Each day we see evidence of God's wonderful works in His beautiful creation surrounding us. Sunrises, sunsets, mountains, waterways, flowers, trees, animals, stars and planets. Psalm 139 on the cover says is best.

Among all of this beauty, we find God's greatest masterpiece, human beings, made in His own image. We *are* indeed fearfully and wonderfully made!

Think of a newborn child and the perfection of those tiny, fully-formed fingers and toes. The little face and features that change into a myriad of expressions. And how can such a wee human being elicit such loud,

> ear piercing cries? Baby has lungs!



We watch God's masterpieces walk through our doors every morning. Each child is unique and precious.

Raising and teaching children is not for the faint-hearted. Sometimes the weight and responsibility of this can be daunting. But God in His wisdom, does not leave us without help. He has given us His Word, the Bible, His loving instruction letter. For those who believe, He has given the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us. And for all, He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, Who knows and understands all of the trials, struggles and temptations we go through as humans. And through Jesus, we can approach the very throne of God in prayer, knowing He hears us and answers with what we need, what is best for us.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 11:28-30:

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

We are blessed to come alongside you to love and help teach your child/children.

To God Be the Glory,

Sue Lapple







A dink is a controlled shot where you hit the pickle ball into the Non-Volley Zone (also known as the Kitchen) on your opponent's side of the court.

What is the purpose of a dink shot?

The dink is a finesse shot, hit with an upward trajectory that lands just over the net in your opponent's No Volley Zone. A dink slows down the game and can force your opponent to move out of position. The ability to hit a good dink shot can be an equalizer when facing a player who is faster and stronger.

What is a banger in Pickleball?

A banger is a player that consistently likes to drive the pickleball. A banger likes to play with pace and power and, typically does not like to engage in the dinking game or hit drop shots.

High School & Upper <u>Elementary/Middle School P.E.</u>

This year, Ben, Elle and Mailo have joined the high school boys, Caiden and Gavin at the Rec Center, to learn to play Pickleball.

Mr. Fleming is teaching the younger students how to serve, volley back and forth and play a game. The rules are learned as they go. They get a little better each time they play.

The high school boys have become proficient in their game, and go in to play some fast moving matches with seasoned adults. It is fun to watch them.

















THE PICKLEBALL PLAYERS





Caiden & Gavin playing Mr. Keller and his teammate.







Mailo, Ben & Elle learning from Mr. Fleming.











Career Day - Dress Like What You Want to be When You Grow Up





Sinjin - Military Man Amelia - Firefighter Mailo - Businessman



Elle - Cheerleader



Mailo, Elle, Sinjin, Amelia, Kahealani, Caroline, Katelyn

Iris - Ballerina



EMILY - DOCTOR

AMELIA - FIREFIGHTER

rd PLACE



Indigenous People Day

Joy Thomas' family: Sister Rachel and parents Dale and Charlotte Tsosie of the Navajo Nation in Arizona sharing music and information about their culture

THE SCHOOL VOTED! **BEST COSTUMES**



MAILO- BUSINESSMAN

In the Classroo

Mrs. Keller

Science



Bible class



Painting project

Dissecting Vegetables



Flower Dissection





Polllination Experiment

Miss Janson



History Class



Students fill shoeboxes with gifts for needy children.





Ancient Egypt - Archaeology Dig





Science Class

Planting Seeds









Placing Scripture leaves on The Thankful Tree





Mrs. Hayes English Class is studying/reading literature. They write as well, and sometimes this writing is combined with Speech & Debate class where they present their writing in speech form to judges and a small audience. They also write speeches on a specific topic and deliver them to the same type of audience. This training is helping the students learn to communicate their ideas in a persuasive and logical manner, while learning to become comfortable with speaking publicly.

<u>A Good Knight</u> by Caiden Reese

In a land far away Where brave knights stay To protect the royal family For whom they did happily.

A festival was held one fateful night And the city was lit so bright. Among the fun there was danger. A big, mean, evil, Black Knight hid in the manger.

(His name was Raiden)

Raiden's sight was set on the Queen For there was a scream that made ears ring. Then the young Queen was gone In the coolness of dawn.

The fair maiden was captured. The clumsy White Knight took action As the Queen waited to be set free. Her freedom is the clumsy White Knight's redemption.

The clumsy Knight will be put to the test While he is on his quest The reason he took action Was to get everyone's reaction.

As the Black Knight waited in the door of his lair all he could do was stare at the White Knight who was in front of him With a smile ever so grim.

The knight's hand was on his weapon ready to fire.. "Thou shalt not kill" rang in his head To do God's will is how he led.

The two arrived back in town. The word was passed around. The courageous White Knight had taken action, That saved the Queen, by following God's command.





HIGH SCHOOL



Supernatural, Rational, or Both? By Gavin Cramer

Are you a beleiver in the supernatural, or are you more on the rational side? I believe that both are intertwined.

The best example of the supernatural not always being in conflict with the rational is God.

God is the most powerful being in existence. He created the universe and everything in it He is a Supernatural Almighty Being who can di anything. He can do miracles such as parting the ocean (Exodus 14:21-22), setting a bush on fire without it burning (Exodus 3), turning water to wine (John 2), feeding 5000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish (Matthew 14), and many more. All these miracles were done in a supernatural way, but God is also rational. God once became a pillar of cloud during the day, and a pillar of fire by night, to lead His people to the promised land (Exodus 13:21-22).

God is the Trinity made up of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. They are all Supernatural Almighty Beings who are also very rational as well.

The Holy Spirit is a very Almighty Powerful Being that comes to live in people when they accept Jesus as their Savior, so that the Holy Spirit is always part of the rational world because He lives inside of us helping us to follow God.

Jesus is God's Holy Son, part of the Trinity and is also a very Almighty Powerful Being. However, He became very rational, because God sent Him down to earth as a human, to save us from our sins, (John 3:16). Jesus died on the cross for us to save us from our sins while we were still sinners, even though He is Almighty and can do anything. His death shows how much God loves us.

All of these cases show that the supernatural isn't always in conflict with the rational. In this case, I'm really happy that the supernatural miracles are in our lives, so that God can be in our everyday lives.



Isaiah 43:4 I am **precious** to God

> Galatians 3:13 I am rescued

1 Peter 1:5 I am protected

Zephaniah 3:17 God is with me

1 Corinthians 6:19 The Holy Spirit lives in me

Psalm 23:1-3 God is taking care of me

Jeremiah 29:11 God has a plan for my life

1 Corinthians 12:27 I am part of something **important**

> **Psalm 139:1** God **understands** me

1 John 5:14-15 God **listens** to me

Philippians 4:13 God gives me strength

John 15:11 Jesus gives me joy

Colossians 2:10 I am complete in Christ



John 1:12 I am a child of God

Philippians 3:20 I am a citizen of Heaven

Romans 8:17 I am an heir of God

Ephesians 2:19 Jesus gave Himself for **me**

> John 15:16 I am chosen

1 John 1:9 If I confess my sins, I am **forgiven**

1 Corinthians 3:23 I belong to Jesus

Genesis 1:27 I am made in God's image

Exodus 19:5 I am treasured by God

Psalm 139:13-16 I am God's **special** creation

Romans 8:38-39 God loves me no matter what

> Romans 15:7 I am accepted

LADIES LUNCHEON



Upper Elementary/Middle School <u>Hospitality Class</u>

The students learned about hospitality, including how to host guests, make them feel welcome, how to set a table and how to serve food. Invited were Moms, Grandma, sisters, Mrs. Parks (MCA accounting), and Miss Janson. The food and service were a hit!



SPONSOR A CHILD

As some of you know, the opportunity scholarship funding for private and charter schools was taken away this year by the Nevada Legislature.

These funds provided tuition scholarships to students who qualified and whose parents chose to have their child/children educated outside of the public school system.

Both parents and private schools rely on these funds, and this absence of funding has hurt both.

We are seeking donations to our school or donors to **Sponsor a Child** in full, or in part, for their tuition. All non-specified donations are also welcome. Your donation can be a tax write-off. THANK YOU!



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