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FROM THE DIRECTOR Mrs. Rash

THIRD GRADE Mrs. Owen

How can it be that we are approaching the end of another school year? We all remember that first day in September, with children entering their new classrooms and meeting new friends and teachers. As I reflect back, I am amazed at the notable accomplishments made by our children this year. They have certainly matured and grown in many ways.

In just a few short weeks, we will be saying good-bye to our eighth graders. Our graduates are certain to go far in achieving their goals in high school and beyond. They will be leaving our school, but they will remain in our hearts and prayers. Please join us at the Spring Program and Commencement on Thursday, June 8th at Valley Springs Presbyterian Church. Together we can offer our congratulations to these outstanding young men and women.

Many thanks to our PTA and dedicated parent volunteers this year. Your generosity with your time and resources has been amazing and greatly appreciated. Working together, we have accomplished so much! Our children have benefited from the many projects, programs, and fundraisers. The Read-a-Thon was enjoyed by all, and I want to

thank the parents who worked and planned to make the event such an overwhelming success! Also, the Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon was fabulous and the teachers enjoyed their time spent together around the many delicious salads and desserts. Thanks to all who contributed food or volunteered in the classrooms, especially Mrs. Scappatura for organizing the entire luncheon.

In closing, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful teachers and staff. You work so diligently to make our school such a special place. We recognize the outstanding work you have done in the classrooms, the office, on the playground, and behind the scenes. We are truly blessed to have such a united and supportive staff. Your dedication, hard work, and love have made a tremendous impact in the education of each child.

We thank God for His blessings, for our wonderful children, our school, and for each of you. Have a happy and safe summer. Please remember us in your prayers as we begin preparing and planning for the 2006-2007 school year.

Mrs. Rash

The last few weeks of school always seem to fly by at break-neck speed. When the final countdown of days begins, I start to feel that twinge of sadness in letting go of the students who have been such a part of my life for nine months. I will certainly miss each one of them, their smiling faces, inquisitive minds, and engaging personalities. What an enjoyable year this has been; these students have energy and an enthusiastic attitude beyond compare! I believe that each child will soar to new heights in the fourth grade and beyond.

It is always important to acknowledge hard work and success at this time of year; some recent noteworthy activities include arduous preparations of "best work" for Open House, completion of biography posters, the first "formal" book report, Science Fair projects, Math Olympics, the Carden Read-A-Thon, and completion of the SAT 10 tests. This year we have read many books in literature, both classic and contemporary novels, discovered our nation's fifty states, better understood our country's rich history, and have grown academically in our studies of challenging spelling words and their controls, grammar, composition, math, science, and French. Our Bible studies have taken us through the Gospels and the miracles of Jesus, as well as taught us about the early Christian

church and the Apostle Paul's journeys.

So much diligent work in each subject has certainly kept us busy but not so busy that we haven't had time to stop and have some fun! We have enjoyed many art projects together, and our room is resplendent with the children's work. We have been delighted with wonderful holiday parties, thanks to our ever-faithful room mothers, Mrs. Casano, Mrs. Leone, Mrs. D'Avignon, and Mrs. Flodin. We recently enjoyed a fabulous field trip to Griffith's Quarry in Penryn, thanks to our many parent drivers. To top it all, last month we welcomed a new third grader to our Carden family, Nicole Scappatura. Nicole is a wonderful addition to our class, and her mother, Mrs. Scappatura has already generously donated her help and time for some special school projects.

I can't begin to tell you how much I have appreciated the care and support I have received from all the third grade parents and grandparents. You've helped make this school year so rewarding for us in so many ways. Thank you most of all for the opportunity to be part of your children's lives; this time together was such a joy and a blessing for me.

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Once again I must say a fond “farewell” to a wonderful eighth grade class. The Carden Class of 2006 is ready and anxious to take on the challenges of high school, but I hope they will hold close the friendships and memories they have formed here.

The biggest event in the Junior High spring trimester is our field-trip to Washington D.C. In preparation for the trip, the eighth grade students have created power point presentations on the monuments we will be visiting. And of course, we have been studying American History from a Christian perspective all year. Praise God that He allowed freedom of religion to be the cornerstone of our nation.

Although all the parents in

The year is slowly winding down, and the students are starting to realize that the sun is shining outside. But it has been quite an eventful couple of months, with a lot of hard work and dedication involved.

We competed in the ACSI Math Olympics in March, and our students represented the school with pride and dignity; they also flexed their academic muscles, and took home a lot of “hardware” (they won a number of awards). We had six Olympians in our jr. high who placed in the top five in their respective events. The winners were:

William Hatchman—1st Place, 6th Grade Math Computation

Moyez Hirani—1st Place, 7th Grade Math Computation

FOURTH/FIFTH GRADES Mrs. Nezhura

The marathon is almost complete and we can see the yellow tape ahead... We are straining forward for the prize... Victory!

The fourth and fifth graders of 2005-2006 have certainly stayed the course. Fourth grade has raced through subjects, predicates, punctuation, capitalization, and letter forms in language and four classics (or neo-classics) in literature. Fifth grade is in their final stretch of sentence diagramming (some of the best I have seen yet), all eight parts of speech and review punctuation in language and *American Tall Tales* in

literature.

Math is progressing nicely with one group dividing in the hundreds and converting fractions to percents, while the other group is reducing and simplifying fractions and using simple geometry for figuring circumference/perimeter and area of various geometric shapes. (I remember learning some of this in high school!)

Science remains one of our favorite pursuits with fourth grade finishing units on plants and sound and light energy. Fifth grade is fin-

ishing a unit about matter and energy and will take a quick sprint through vertebrates to conclude the year.

We want to say a special “thank you” to our fabulous room parents and those who acted as chaperones on our field trips. Thanks for your support.

My prayers and love go with all my wonderful, vivacious, hard-working students as they continue learning and growing. Have a wonderful summer. God Bless you,
Mrs. Nezhura

SECOND GRADE Mrs. Hake

As another school year draws to a close we reflect on our learning activities and accomplishments with pleasure and satisfaction. Our class has had many happy moments together on field trips, special programs and events, as well as in the classroom.

The children and I would like to extend our appreciation to our wonderful room mother, Mrs. Galbraith, who always provided and arranged for all the delicious treats and attended to our

every need. A heartfelt thanks goes also to all the moms and dads who took time from their demanding schedules to drive for our field trips.

It has been a unique pleasure to have taught these precious children. Each child has made a special imprint in my heart!

Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Hake

FIRST GRADE Mrs. Van Winkle

What a special group of First Graders I have come to know and love...

I am so proud of each boy and girl. They came eager to learn and with hard work we have accomplished so much this year! As first graders they continue to read with good fluency and comprehension. They apply their phonics and spelling rules to decode unfamiliar words. Speaking of spelling, we have been having a blast sorting words into our very own spelling-word books. Every day 1st graders add new words they come across to their personal booklets according to the spelling rules we have learned. In grammar, ("Comp. Tech."), they love to play the "catch the teacher" game & correct my "mistakes" in punctuation, voice/ verb agreement as well as proficiently identifying sentence subjects, verbs, and nouns.

In Math we are memorizing pairs, (6+6, 7+7...) and using them to help us in our adding and subtraction; we are practicing double digit adding and subtracting now with borrowing and carrying. We are continuing to measure length, width, liquid volume and temperature as well as a strong focus on money. We are busy identifying bills, coins, making change and adding \$ums. We take timed addition and subtraction tests almost daily and we keep beating our personal past scores!

History had us looking into the origins of Saint Patrick's Day, Christ's life on earth, and the events of His last weeks on earth including His death and resurrection. We will review identification of the world's major bodies of

water and the seven continents. We enjoy learning about current events in our "God's World" student newspapers.

In Science we have moved on to a look at the past – Dinosaurs! What really happened to the dinosaurs? Did the great flood of Noah's have anything to do with their extinction or was it a mere evolutionary process? In the past it was pumpkins; today it's tomatoes... we have revisited the major parts of a plant & what plants require for growth. We hope you enjoy the tomato plants and wish you a bountiful crop this summer! Soon we will be watching caterpillars transform into Painted Lady Butterflies, marveling again at God's power and wisdom.

Our journey through the Bible has brought us through the kings, judges, prophets, & into the New Testament. We discovered that the promise made to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden was fulfilled in Christ. During the last few weeks we will be studying the Acts of the Apostles and establishment of the early church.

We are enjoying ourselves so much that the end of the year seems to have come too fast! All year we have worked hard. Each day we were encouraged to always do our best! God has a plan for our future and we want to be ready. And ready we are for 2nd grade! Each student has become very dear to me – *must* I really pass him or her on?!!

Mrs. Van Winkle

THIRD GRADE continued

Some day we will look back with pleasure at this very memorable year we shared together at Carden Christian Academy. As you enjoy the summer and look forward to next fall, may the Lord bless and keep each one of you as you continue to grow in Him and become all that He has created you to be in Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Owen

FRENCH Madame Merz

Bonjour,

Les Etudiants sont formidable!

This school year has been fantastic. The progress the 8th graders have made is amazing. Not only can they conjugate four different types of verbs, tres difficile, but they can write and read basic sentences as well. I highly recommend each of them to continue in French if he/she can. I will miss their enthusiasm, humor and smiling faces in my classroom and of course their willingness to always help.

My memories of this school year are wonderful. Many jokes were shared and good times had. Who can forget James Rozak reading to the school at the French Follies. That was a great day and everyone was so enthusiastic.

Another favorite story is trying to teach the precious kindergartners "it is bleu" en francais, which sounds like "say bleu: and they kept repeating only the color instead of "C" est bleu". They finally managed to figure out what I was saying.

The Junior High was also able to see a bilingual version of *The Three Musketeers* (*Les Trois Mousquetaires*) and enjoy lunch at LaBou, partially paid for by the Mardi Gras crepe sale. What fun to have 30 well behaved children represent our school.

Of course, I have many memories and great stories but not enough space to write them all, but please know it is a true blessing to teach at Carden Christian Academy and an honor to open up the world to our students through their French classes.

Bonne Vacance!
Mme. Merz

P.S. Next years number 1 rule: No Notre Dame paraphernalia in my classroom!

MUSIC Mrs. Nary

The school year began with the question: What musical instrument would you like to play? During the year I have been pleased that several students have pursued their interests in music and have reported to me that they are studying a variety of musical instruments including piano, drums, voice and guitar. My goal, as the music teacher at Carden Christian Academy, is to inspire an interest in music, and hopefully, open avenues of enjoyment of many musical sounds.

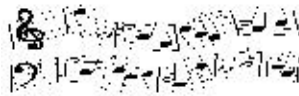
This year we learned about Frederic Chopin and his wonderful piano compositions. He was born in Poland and lived in the early part of the 19th century. We also learned about the more contemporary American composers, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. We continued to study and review the basic principles of how to read and write music.

"June Is Bustin' Out All Over"-- and indeed it is! Our song about 'June' has the distinction of being the students' favorite song on the spring program. Perhaps this can be attributed to the fact that the song has a lilting energy and melody.

In addition, the lyrics conjure up many happy "June" thoughts -- graduation, vacation swimming, Disneyland, flowers blooming -- and the list goes on....

Our musical evening will be a tribute to the music of Rodgers and Hammerstein II. You will, no doubt, recognize some of the wonderful tunes from musicals like *The Sound Of Music* and *The King and I*. As always, our spring program will be dedicated to our 8th grade graduates. One of the songs on our program, "You'll Never Walk Alone", is actually sung at a graduation in the story of the musical *Carousel*. Our students have worked hard to learn the music for the program. I know they are anxious to share the evening with you. Please mark your calendars for the Graduation/Spring Program on June 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Valley Springs Presbyterian Church in Roseville. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs. Nary



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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 29th	Memorial Day	no school
June 2nd	End of Year Picnic	
June 8th	Spring Program / Graduation	
June 9th	Last day of school	

Dear Parents,

We are currently in process of electing a new PTA Board for the 2006-2007 school year.

To qualify for a position you must have a love for our school plus time and energy to devote to helping plan events, fundraisers, or special events for our children.

If you are interested, please contact the school office.

KINDERGARTEN Ms. Lorance

What do you remember about being in kindergarten? If you're like most people, instead of listing specific skills you acquired or facts you learned, you'll probably answer the question with an anecdote or two, or with a few snapshot moments that easily come to mind. When I think back to my kindergarten days, I remember my metal "Disney School Bus" lunchbox and the time I brought a woodpecker-riddled tree stump for Show and Tell. I could list what the kindergarteners here at Carden Christian Academy have learned this school year, or cite standardized test results, but I'd rather let you hear from the kindergarteners themselves. What do the kindergarteners say they have learned?

Shelby: Don't touch people.

Emily: To be real quiet when I get lunch. And don't throw your backpack at daycare.

Nolan: I've learned about caterpillars. After they eat, they climb to the top (of the container), and then when they're in their shapes they make silk. When they're done in their cocoons, they fight their way out and then they are butterflies.

Gianna: I learned to read. I was really nervous when I first didn't know how. I'm not even nervous to read now.

Carly Ann: To be nice to other people and let other people play with you.

Calvin: To read. I feel happy that I know how to read.

Sean: All the Bible stories. I love the Bible. I love it so much—more than any other book in the world!

Carson: How to read.

Thank you, parents, for all you have done to help your kindergartener and me have a wonderful, memorable school year. Years from now, I'll remember your kindness, your encouragement, your generous help with art projects, parties and field trips, and I'll certainly remember the smart, sparkly-eyed kindergarteners who made our classroom such a fun place in which to learn and grow.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Ms. Lorance