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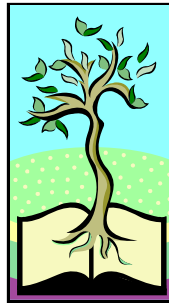
As we come to the close of another school year, I think back over the past 10 years that I've had the privilege of being a part of Carden Christian Academy. It sincerely has been a privilege! Watching your children grow up before my eyes and change from precious little children into outstanding young men and women full of potential has been a tremendous joy to me.

Today I am thinking about my very first class of students at Carden - they are now 20

years old and many of them are finishing their second year of college. I've kept in contact with a few of them...UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, San Diego State, Sacramento State to name a few of the universities that are lucky enough to have our alumni and children from my first Carden fourth grade class. Parents, you can be confident that you have chosen a school that will nurture, educate, and prepare your children for their

further successes in life.

I would like to thank you, parents, for partnering with us. It is because of your dedication and generosity that we are able to provide the very best in education to our students. Your involvement in your child's education is the single most influential factor in determining success in the classroom. As we work together, our children reap the benefits.



## MRS. RASH

With summer looming around the corner, it will soon be time to say good-bye to our fine eighth graders. Although they are few in number, their absence at Carden will surely be felt. We are sad to see them go, but excited for what the future holds for them as they begin their journey into high school. In a few short months, Carden will welcome in a fresh class of eager kindergarteners...

*Mrs. Rash*

## Second/Third Grades

The final weeks of school are passing with unbelievable speed. It's hard to believe that soon we shall be replacing Carden books with "Year Books," completing the end of the year activities, and saying good-bye for the last time.

Second and third graders have experienced a busy Spring trimester, complete with the Read-A-Thon, Open House, the Country Fair, two chapels, SAT 10 tests, and of course, academic lessons in between. I am amazed at all the progress my students have made this year!

Mathematics is a special joy for us. Our entire class is working on learning the multiplication tables, and the majority of students has mastered up to the twelve times. Third graders have mastered long division, fractions, Roman numerals, and measurement equations, while second grade has become quite proficient in adding and subtracting (with carrying and borrowing), large number multiplication, and are just beginning the journey into long division and fractions.

We have studied our country's history and have

learned about many great American heroes and their effect on our democracy's development. In science, we have delved into the study of invertebrates, then on to the study of the desert, ocean, and forest communities. We have read many literature books, including the four books from the "Sarah, Plain and Tall" series. Then of course, we learned a great deal about Australia, since it was our country at the Country Fair.

A personal thank you is in order for our second/third grade parents. Mrs. Vincent and Mrs. Kelley did such a wonderful job as officers of our PTA; Mrs. Galbraith and Mrs. Harvey have been Room

## Mrs. Owen

Mothers always going beyond the call of duty. Our parents helped in the classroom with crafts, drove for field trips, worked at the Country Fair and encouraged us in a hundred different ways. Thank you.

Each student in my class has been a special gift from God this year, and it was a privilege to have been your teacher. As you enjoy this summer and look forward to next fall, may the Lord bless and keep each of you as you continue to grow in Him and become all that He has created you to be in Jesus Christ.

*Mrs. Owen*



## FIFTH/SIXTH GRADES

At the beginning of this year, my first at Carden, I had an idea that this was a special school. Now as we are winding down toward the last few weeks, I'm so very thankful to be here! The fifth and sixth grade students have grown and learned so much, and I'm extremely proud of them.

I asked the class what they liked best about this year, and most of them said it was the field trips! We're looking forward to our last one of the year. May 18 was our field trip to the Civil War Re-enactment, an experience which brought this period of American history to life. We also recently had a fascinating in-class visit from a naturalist from the Effie Yeaw Center on aquatic invertebrates. We had live invertebrates to study, a slide show, and different station activities. This was a prerequisite to the Pond and River study we will be doing on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the American River. We will be actually wading into the river to study the aquatic life on site! The students can't wait!

Charlie, the class guinea pig, was also mentioned as a favorite memory of the year. We've really enjoyed him, especially taking turns caring for him on the weekends. He's friendly and gentle and

likes to be held on breaks. The only tiny drawback is that sometimes he "talks" to us a little during tests. Imagine the quiet ... and then a sudden "squeak squeak squeak squeak!" 😊

We had a great time learning about Brazil and Egypt in preparation for the Country Fair. Our room became part Rainforest, part desert, populated with rainforest creatures, a sphinx, and even a mummy! (modeled by Billy Haynes).



As for me, my favorite part of the year has been the people: the staff, the parents, and especially getting to know each one of my very special students and seeing them learn and develop over the year! I love our fifth and sixth graders – they are so smart, have interesting thoughts, and keep me laughing with their wonderful, unique personalities. I also love the Chapel times of school worship. Thank you Team Excel for the great idea and for doing such a great job in bringing it all together.

I can't end without a huge "Thank You" to the parents. I definitely felt appreci-

## MRS. ROBERTS

ated on "Teacher Appreciation Week," but I was blessed in feeling appreciated all year by your consistent kindness and thoughtfulness. I appreciate *you!* Your active participation in our school is what makes Carden Christian Academy such a special, exceptional community and learning environment. I look forward to seeing all of you next year!

*Mrs. Roberts*

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## KINDERGARTEN/FIRST GRADES

May is a very rewarding time of the school year. The children are so happy when they complete a book, and are very anxious to start something new! Their enthusiasm radiates!

The children can see their improvements and they talk about what they have learned. As one kindergartener put it, "I have learned not to go on



the other side." (margins of paper)

Thank you, thank you parents and grandparents for all your time and help in the classroom, on projects, "minding" the room for the country fair, driving us to rehearsals and

field trips, as well as all the treats to eat! Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Merz kept everything organized and running smoothly!

Thank you most of all for sharing the joy of your children with us. Have a safe and happy summer.

*Mrs. Hake*

## FOURTH GRADE

Did you know that Venus flytraps could be vegetarians? Or that claim jumpers isn't just a restaurant in Roseville? We have learned these and many far more useful facts this trimester in Mr. Chase's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.

John Sutter was a very interesting man. Did you know that he had his very own fort *and* mill? Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class gets the privilege of visiting both before the end of the year! Our trip to Sutter's Fort was quite an adventure! We learned how to lasso stationary cows, took a gander at the Indian Museum, and played a pretty competitive game of "Duck, Duck, Goose." We got to see a lot of old cannons and guns, and I for one, was thankful that we had a gate between us and the old weapons (our boys love army stuff).

As we learn about the settlers of the mid-

1800's, it is fitting that we read the book *By the Great Horn Spoon*, a fun romp through the riches and rubbish of Gold Rush era California. But why just read about it when you can live it? We will be doing just that later this month, as we embark on a Coloma adventure that includes panning for gold, and eleven children fighting over which tent they will sleep in.

Science has been particularly interesting lately. Our students love hands-on activities, and nothing is better than raising plants that eat things. We welcome a Venus flytrap, a pitcher plant, and a sundew plant to our room. The students love feeding bugs to them to help them grow. Hopefully our terrarium will be a nice home for them (the plants, not the bugs).

For our latest (and last) book report, the

## MR. CHASE

students have been charged with the heavy burden of creating their own board games. I have had to make an effort to teach a few students that one cannot "die" in a board game, but instead must go back to the starting space. I think extending grace is a lesson learned throughout every Christian's walk, and one which can be applied even in the strangest of places. Though my students are learning, none of them is quite ready to work for Milton Bradley.

The Lord has blessed our class abundantly this year, through the good times, the great times, and the frequently weird times. I am thankful for each and every one of my wonderful students, and pray that they have a wonderful and safe summer!

Mr. Chase

## MUSIC

Music classes are going by very quickly these days, with so much to learn and so much to do as we prepare for our end-of-year spring program. We have been busy working on songs from The Music Man and we look forward to presenting them at the program. Please mark your calendars for Thursday evening, June 7, at the Sylvan Oaks Church. Walking by the music room on Mondays and Wednesdays, one is likely to hear enthusiastic renditions of "Seventy Six Trombones." Another of the children's favorites is "Trouble ... Oh yes we've got trouble right

here in River City." "Gary, Indiana" and "The Wells Fargo Wagon" are also songs that are high on the children's parade of favorites.



The Mabbutt sisters; Whitney, McKenna and Jamie, along with KC Leone will sing the popular song "Til There Was You." Matt Flodin has agreed to be our Music Man and storyteller and look for Cassie Clark to have a special part in the program.

Our eighth grader graduation will be on the same evening and the music classes are honored to be participants in such a milestone event. The prayer song, which we will sing during the graduation, is "Father Lead Us Day by Day, ever in thine own strong way. Teach us to be pure and true, show us what we ought to do." The prayer will be dedicated to our graduates but the words will be sung for all of our students and their families. We look forward to seeing you at the graduation and spring program.

Mrs. Nary

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## French

Au revoir is the hardest word for me! Every year I am so sad to see the year end and this year is exceptionally difficult. Many of my classes have really surpassed my expectations and even though the majority of them do not think they know a lot of French I am sure they know more than they think.

As always the ah ha moments happen when students like Elaina in the second grade can spell correctly all the days of

the week (en francais, bien sur) and says she has been practicing at home!! Of course the seventh and eighth grade class is starting to really "get it." From regions of France, to oral listening capabilities and translating they are on their way to understanding the French language; of course the occa-



sional Starbucks bribe helps! I am always available for summer "practicing" recommendations and hope your summer vacation is filled with wonderful memories with your children.

A bientot,  
Mme Merz

## Mme. Merz

