



CELA PRIDE



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Christian Education Leadership Academy

May 26, 2023

“For I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.” – Philippians 4:13

From the Desk of Mrs. Grindatti...

Dear CELA Families,

We had a wonderful week filled with many great community events. It was so nice to see so many families supporting their children throughout the week. With the book fair, parent teacher conferences, 3K Chapel, Muffins with Mom/Grandmother, Donuts with Dad/Grandfather, the Spring Showcase music concert, and the pep rally, it has been a busy week and we have loved seeing so many of you in our school. Thank you! Our book fair has done great this week! All sales get us closer to our goal. When we reach our goal, we receive credit to purchase books to add to our CELA classroom and school libraries. It is a win-win. Our families get their hands on some great books and we get to grow our library and classroom resources.



We are \$500 away from our goal! The book fair will be open this afternoon from 3-4pm and the online store will be open until Monday at 12pm.

www.i55bookfairs.com/school/wi026

Please, if you have not done so already, sign up for an end of the year conference with your child’s teacher. This is a perfect opportunity to see how much your child has grown over the course of the school year and to discuss with your child’s teachers the areas that they can continue to work on over the summer months. We have put together a great resource guide for families, which will provide solid academic support over the next few months and will help your child start the next school year off strong! Again, thank you for your support!

Events Calendar

May

- May 29
No School - Memorial Day
- May 31
Summer Enrichment Conferences

June

- June 8
8th Grade Graduation @ 6:00 pm
- June 9
Last Day of School - Chapel Family Relays
- June 16
Report Cards Go Home

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SUMMER ENRICHMENT CONFERENCES

MAY 24 & MAY 31
3:30 - 5:15 PM

SEE YOU THEN!

Join Us for Chapel Service

May 31

CVLD Theme: Review of CVLD Values

-Led By 8th Grade Class

June 7

CVLD Theme: Review of CVLD Values

-Led By Mr. Hays

Eighth Grade Graduation

Join us for the 8th Grade Graduation Service on Thursday, June 8 at 6:00 pm.

Congratulate our 2023 CELA Graduates!



RANDY B.	ADELINE D.	ETHAN D.	TRENTON E.	KAYLA F.
SOPHIA G.	BENNETT H.	GEORGE H.	EVERETT K.	SAM K.
GAVIN M.	TEAGEN T.	RYLAN W.	KATIE W.	

**CONGRATULATIONS
2023 GRADUATES!**

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Washington DC Trip

May 18 - May 21

CELA's 8th graders recently returned from their annual class trip to Washington DC. Over 4 days, the students had an amazing opportunity to build on what they have learned in school about our nation's history and government as well as to see the hand of God at work in it over the years.

Highlights included visits to the seats of all three branches of our government (the US Capitol, the Supreme Court, and the White House), the memorials to our nation's leaders and service men and women who teach us so much about sacrifice and dedication, the Smithsonian Museums, and President Washington's house at Mt. Vernon.

The most special part of the trip was CELA's second-ever wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery as well as a chance to pay their respects at the grave of Sgt. David J. Smith (USMC), a close friend of CELA social studies teacher Mr. Evan Hays. The trip provided education and memories that will last a lifetime as these students become future leaders in their communities.

CELA Spring Showcase

What a wonderful performance by all of our talented CELA musicians! Thank you for a job well done.

Special thanks to Mrs. Nienhuis for your time and effort into creating a beautiful showcase!



Book Fair Wrap Up

What a successful book fair! This past week CELA hosted a new spring book fair called I:55. This company strives to bring quality books to their fair. CELA hosted several special morning events this week and had a wonderful turnout. Thank you so much for coming to the our Muffins with Moms/Goodies with Grandparents on Tuesday morning and then Donuts with Dad/Goodies with Grandparents on Thursday morning. CELA had a wonderful turnout at both events. Thank you



I:55 BOOK FAIRS
Where Faith Matters

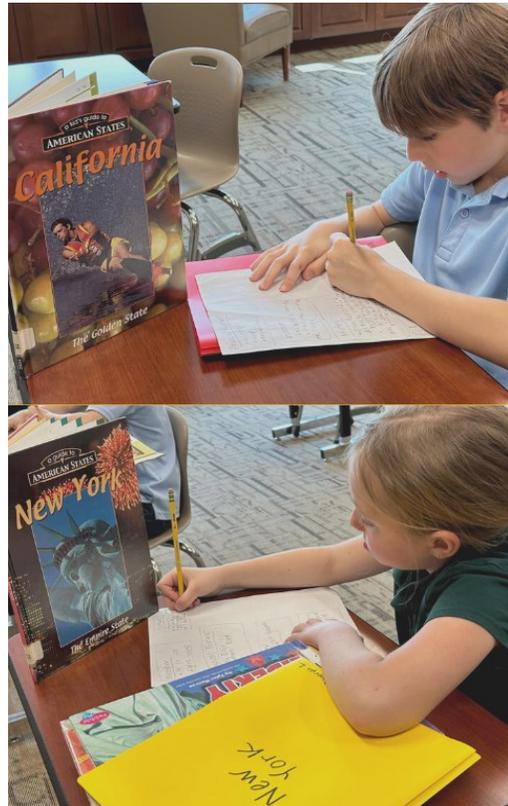


Classroom Happenings



Third Grade Class Creates Power Point Presentations

Students have worked hard researching a state of their choice and learning how to create power point slides to present to their classmates. The information they researched was typed and put into each slide. From there, students learned how to insert a picture and use animations and transitions throughout their slides. It was a fun learning experience for the third graders, and they look forward to presenting their slides next week.




Third Grade Social Studies

Researching a US State and Creating a Power Point Presentation

Civics Class with Mr. Hays



Recently in the 8th Grade Civics Elective, students had the opportunity to learn from Mrs. Diana Thomson, a lawyer for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. Mrs. Thomson is a friend of Mr. Hays' since college, and she was able to help the students build on what they had been learning in class about the judicial branch of our government. Having already learned the basics about the 1st Amendment to the Constitution and the process of judicial review, students got to learn about 3 current cases that Mrs. Thomson has worked on that either are already before the Supreme Court or will wind up there soon.

This made the principles studied in class all the more real because students were able to see how they are being actively applied.

Students also had prepared excellent questions for Mrs. Thomson that helped make the time valuable for them as 8th graders about to embark on their future after their time at CELA.



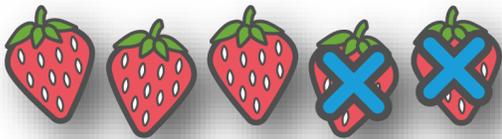


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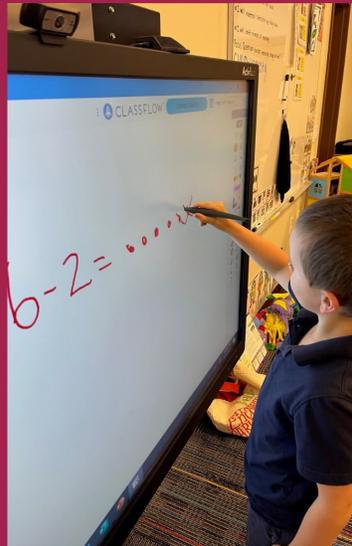


4K Class Practice Subtraction

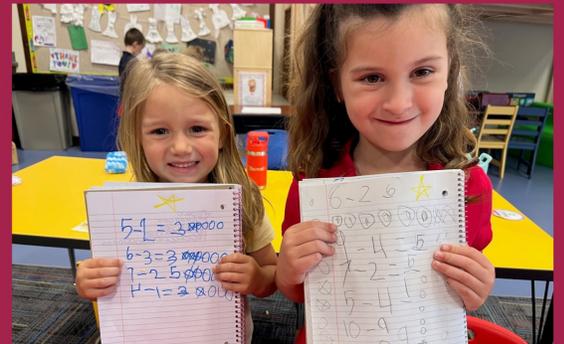
The 4K students have been practicing subtraction and understanding the process of taking away. They used teddy bear counters to tell subtraction stories and solve problems. They also did problems in their math notebooks. Great job, class!



4K CLASS LEARNS SUBTRACTION



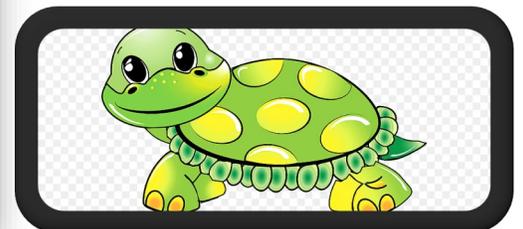
$$8-8=4$$
$$4-2=2$$



Sixth Grade Students Enjoy Science Outside

Mr. Clowers' sixth grade Science class took advantage of the beautiful weather outside. They collected water samples to measure local pollution in our ecosystems. They even found a baby alligator snapping turtle on their hike outdoors. It was a fun learning experience.

Sixth Grade Science Class Studies the Ecosystem



CVLD Class Update

During our first week of honesty we learned about Fred Rogers, an American television host, author, producer, and Presbyterian minister who made honesty a habit, both on and off the camera. In week two, students learned about the importance of honesty in a godly relationship. Students watched several videos to see if they could tell when someone is lying or telling the truth. It was interesting to have a class discussion about the different scenarios. Students learned about the Naaman, a man who had leprosy in the Bible. They gained a deeper understanding of honesty by



hearing that Children's Bible Story, Elisha's Greedy Servant from II Kings.

Conversation Starter:
What are the different impacts of lying to someone?

CVLD

Christian Values & Leadership Development
Nicole Daniels - Director

This week our students studied

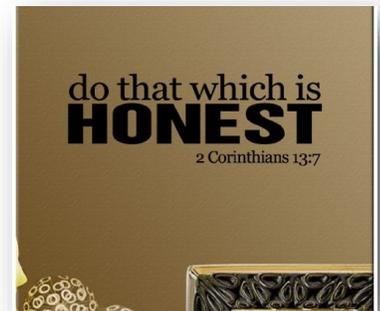
Honesty

Family Discussion Homework

Please complete Family Discussion Homework each week with your child/children. Each homeroom discusses the homework on Thursdays during CVLD class.

"Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out."

-Proverbs 10:9



SCAN ME

Please scan our CELA Social Media QR code if you haven't had a chance to follow CELA.

3K Chapel Service



CELA's 3K class taught the rest of the school about the Christian value of honesty through the use of a fingerplay, a short skit, and action songs. Using the story of Zacchaeus, a tax collector who used to cheat people out of their money, the audience all learned that coming to know Jesus can change your heart. As 3K proudly sang, "we should always say what's true, even when it's hard to do!" We thank Mrs. Lange's 3K class for doing a phenomenal job.

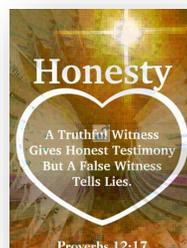


3K CHAPEL SERVICE

"Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body."
-Ephesians 4:25



CHRISTIAN VALUE
HONESTY





CELA Alumni Feature

Johnny Daniels



- **What is your name, current age, and current school?** *My name is Johnny Daniels and I am 20 years old . I attend Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.*
- **What is your favorite memory at CELA?** *My favorite memory from CELA was playing soccer with my friends.*
- **How did CELA best prepare you for your education?** *CELA taught me to prioritize learning instead of merely focusing on getting “good grades”. CELA helped me develop problem-solving skills. Being able to apply what is learned in a classroom to a real-world scenario are much more valuable than a grade on a report card.*
- **What was your favorite class?** *I was able to learn so much in Math. It helped me have an eye for detail. Math class also helped in understanding the “story” behind a number which are consequential for proper data analysis and decision making,*
- **What was your favorite extracurricular activity?** *My favorite extracurricular activities were soccer and basketball.*

Track and Field Season Ends

From Coach Thoele...

CELA is so proud of all athletes for improving on their times, jumps, and throws meet after meet! I would love to highlight 6th grader Gavin H. and his mile (1600m) run with a time of 5:40.00-CELA RECORD. Gavin M. placed 3rd in the Boys Shot Put with a distance of 26-07 in the last meet! The 7th and 8th grade boys 4 x100 relay has a school record of 0.54 seconds. Kayla F. placed 8th in the 100m Dash with a time of 15.03. Katie W. placed 2nd in the 200 m sprint with a time of 31.27 seconds. Also, we are so proud of Trenton E. and Gavin M. for stepping out of their comfort zone and trying the 400-meter run and both placing in the top 10! We will miss all of the 8th graders.



We can't wait to celebrate all of you on Tuesday, May 30th for a quick hour of food and awards at our Track Banquet! If you haven't signed up yet to bring something, here is the sign-up genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA5A72FA6F9C16-track>

Please let me know if you are unable to attend, so we can get awards to your child another time.

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