

A note from our Administrator...

Years from now, when today's students recall their time in school, the spring of 2020 will be easily remembered "the school year that was interrupted". Even though the fourth quarter has been not at school, the rest of this school year has been a busy, productive time at HCA.

Each day begins with meeting as one group for the standard salute to the U.S. flag, the Christian flag, and the Bible, followed by a devotional reading and prayers, both asked and offered by anyone, memorizing the Lord's Prayer and the books of the Bible. Once in their separate classrooms by grades, the usual elementary subjects are studied.

A few highlights, not necessarily favorites, were long division for third grade and 4 and 5 column math problems for fifth grade. Science classes made models of human lungs and the digestive system, drew food webs, collected and displayed a large variety of seeds, grew plants, tracked the weather, and did many experiments (something much enjoyed).

Reading, spelling and English were daily work and not always fun - lots of questions and practice - and learning how to write a report based on research. To recognize Dr. Seuss' birthday students were encouraged to try reading in different locations, like under a table or chair! I was surprised to learn that the least favorite subject for third graders is cursive handwriting!

But there were fun days, too, like field trips: in the fall to Tuscarora Wildlife and Environmental Program with lots of animals and identifying pelts. The December treat was to watch a live theater production of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" in Lancaster, and just before Covid-19 took over, they attended a chemistry program presented by a gentleman for the organization Chemistry for God, with a lot of experiments.

Even though there are no field trips, regular assignments continue in each subject, for everyone from first to fifth grade. Written assignments on paper are turned in each week and new assignments are picked up by parents. Research for written assignments has been done by computer, at home. Education continues at home, and with telephone and computer conversations.

All of us, students, parents, and teachers are looking forward to being back IN school for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

**APRIL 2020** 

## **Upcoming Events**

## Hope Christian Academy Board Meetings

May 11, 2020 @ 6:30 PM June 8, 2020 @ 6:30 PM July 13, 02020 @ 6:30 PM

Please note that meetings will be conducted via Zoom until the Covid-19 Pandemic is over.

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Train a child
in the way he should go,
and when he is old
he will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6

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