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Small Cloud Christian School

CHANGE

by Mrs. Nelson

Change! As much as I dislike some of the changes in my life, change is ever present in the world in which we live. I know you see changes in this newsletter from Small Cloud Christian School, but please allow me to explain why the changes are here.

My mom (Gretchen Schendel) has been the editor of the "Small Cloud Chronicles" (previously "Candlelights"), for as long as these newsletters have existed—for many, many years. She loved doing issue after issue, even though at times they caused her stress. But now her battle with cancer is getting more intense. We have, therefore, thought it best to take this project away from her. And, as much as she hates to give it up, she has agreed.

Thank you, Mom, for all the hours you put into chronicling life here at Small Cloud. The old issues will be enjoyed for many years to come!

And now onto the new. What can you expect from these new issues? (1) More student input—Our goal is to help the students create these issues themselves from start to finish. (2) Only two pages—we want you to have time to enjoy each edition. (3) More timely—At least that is our goal! :)

Behind the scenes, the students have written, typed, and edited each article themselves before I compiled the articles here. For now, *I* will put the newsletter all together; but someday I hope one of the students can do that part, too. Thank you to the proofreaders (Mike Alford, Evelyn Holmstroem, and Gretchen Schendel) for doing the final proofings!

Thankfully, among all the changes (good and bad) of life, there is One who never changes: "For I am the Lord, I change not" (Malachi 3:6). May the One who never changes continue to be our focus in our newsletters and in everything else that Small Cloud Christian School does.

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE by Derrick Kenner, age 10

I like this verse: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matthew 24:35. The International Standard Version Bible says it this way: "Heaven and earth will disappear but my words will never disappear."

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth because the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared and the sea was gone." Revelation 21:1 (ISV). I look forward to a new heaven because we can choose what kind of animal we want. I'm glad to keep living and not die.

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

by Students and Staff

We have now been in school for a week. What have the students most enjoyed from their first week?

Stephen: "German—It is fun learning another language. It is like a code language, so that I can say something someone else will not understand."

Derrick: "Making new friends in school, learning German, free play, people who now help me learn new games. I like finding garter snake skins, bird feathers, and shiny rocks and putting them into my collection."

Miss Miriam: "Teaching German, teaching the boys in kindergarten (especially Bible), organizing books, and making a list for the library."

Megan Petrovich: "Learning German. German is really fun to learn. The words sound funny. You should learn German, too!"

Jonathan: "Playing outside and doing my work in kindergarten."

Jeremiah: "Painting trees with our hands and putting glue on the page with other stuff."

Mrs. Nelson: "I am so thankful for all the help God has given me this year. I am not sure I could have continued the school without it!"



WOW! IT'S SCIENCE!

By Mrs. Nelson & Students

On September 4, 2014, our school traveled to Lodi, CA, to visit the Wow Science Museum. Our first impression when we walked in the door was, "Wow!" Derrick: "It had cool things like animals." Megan: "There were so many science projects." Stephen: "It even had a gift shop."



Nathan, Derrick, and Stephen enjoying the vertical wind tunnel.

Derrick: "My favorite activity was the Lego race table. We each made our own cars and got to race them down the ramp."

Stephen: "My favorite activity was a machine that measured your heartbeat. You put hands on the handprint pictures, you wait, and then you see the number of heartbeats per minute. I ran in place, and my heart rate went up."

Megan: "My favorite activity was building with the magnetic blocks. They were all sorts of colors. Joanna and I built a big castle."

Jeremiah: "I liked the tornado thing [a vertical tunnel]. The wind came so hard at us. I wasn't scared; it was fun!" [But Megan urged us, "Never try this at home!"]

Joanthan: "I liked the flying thing [flight simulator]. I saw teepees, but I can't remember anything else."

After exploring the museum, we went to a nearby park and ate our lunch. We had a fun day!

One more change. . . We no longer have a PO Box. Please use our physical address shown on the front of this newsletter. Thank you!

