

SMALL CLOUD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESENTS . . .

SMALL CLOUD CHRONICLES

"With God all things are possible." Mark 10:27

Spring 2014

Vol. 17, No. 3

P.O. Box 650, Wilton, CA 95693-0650

SCCS UPDATE

Spring was a challenging time for Small Cloud. Between a round of the flu for the students and the teacher, Evelyn Holmstroem's broken left femur, and Gretchen Schendel's fight against cancer—Small Cloud was hit hard from all directions, it seemed.

The good news is that the students and Mrs. Nelson recovered from the flu (although a few school days were lost because of illness). The students also continued to make good progress in their studies despite the many challenges. Mrs. Holmstroem was scheduled for a right hip replacement in May (from which she is making a good recovery). Mrs. Schendel began seeing another doctor (a Doctor of Oriental Medicine), who uses nutrition and herbs to fight the cancer and strengthen the immune system. Mrs. Schendel was told that her immune system has improved, but it has not yet been determined whether or not chemotherapy will have to be used to debulk the

(concluded on page 3)

SIR ISAAC NEWTON

by Megan Petrovich, age 11

Sir Isaac Newton was born in Woodstrove, Lincolnshire, on Christmas Day, 1642. He didn't have a good relationship with his mother, and he had no father. When Isaac was three, he was given to his grandmother because Isaac's mother wanted to remarry and start a new family. Isaac grew up fast. He investigated the nature of white light, and in January, 1665, he got his bachelor's degree. Isaac was very interested in mathematics. Sir Isaac Newton now is most famous for his laws of motion and his physics calculations. ✧



BECOMING TODAY AND BEING TOMORROW

by Elizabeth Keifer, age 15

What you will be tomorrow, you are becoming today." I chose this quote because I think it applies to my life in many ways. In the following paragraphs I will explain why.

An example of this quote is the need to build good habits today in order to be a better person tomorrow. One habit you can build is making a schedule to keep track of things in life. As a teenager you try to keep track of schoolwork. I know it's hard, because I'm a teen; and the fact is I've experienced losing track of things more often than not. You can apply this when you're an adult too. Most adults keep track of many things, much more than teens do. It's good to keep track of things because then you can be on time for appointments, which is being considerate of other people.

Another example is developing good manners. When you're young, it's good to learn manners, for you will use them as an adult—everywhere and all the time. The more times you

use them, the more they become good habits to keep.

There are more examples. One habit you can build is volunteering to help other people around you. Many people need help, and you can always find someone who needs your volunteer services. It's good to help people even when you are an adult. Sometimes it's hard to help someone, because you have only a little time to spare or you don't like the person. But put aside your differences, and you can help people in need.

Another example is building the habit of overcoming the weaknesses in your character—for God, as well as for yourself. When you overcome your weaknesses, you are building up your character. God wants you to do that.

These goals and more are good to aim for when you're young because they are very important to your character. Sometimes they are hard to do because of circumstances. But never ever let that stop you from continuing to grow. ✧

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY, TRY AGAIN

by Megan Petrovich, age 11

Do you know that "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again" is one of my favorite mottos? This motto inspires me because I personally don't like to redo things. Here are some other stories about people who at first did not give up, kept on trying, and are still going strong. Now let's get to the stories.

Mikey Petrovich:

Mikey wanted to beat Peter Barros in an arm wrestling match. Both of them started to work out. They both got stronger and stronger. One day the arm wrestle was on. After a while, both of them got tired. Mikey gave one last push and beat Peter Barros. Mikey won that arm wrestling match.

Evelyn Holmstroem:

My grandma Evelyn is having a hard time walking. She tried a modified Gerson therapy for her arthritis, but it didn't work. Now she is trying to succeed in walking better, because she loves to walk; with another hip surgery, she hopes to walk well again. When we went to Leoni Meadows, Grandma Evelyn fell and broke her left femur. Now only God can tell if Grandma Evelyn is going to walk well again!

Sandra Nelson:

Aunt Sandy was pregnant! At first she thought she was going to have only one baby. Then she found out that she was going to have twins. She got very big. After she had the twins, she wanted to get back into shape. Aunt Sandy started to jump on the trampoline for three minutes at the most. Then she added one minute at a time. Now she can jump for fifteen minutes, and Aunt Sandy is still going strong.

Megan Petrovich:

When Megan was about nine years old, she wanted very badly to learn how to swim. All her friends could swim, and she could not. She started to try to swim, but it was not as easy as she expected it to be. Megan still kept trying to swim. After a while she could keep her head above the water, and today Megan can swim. I am very happy, because I am Megan Petrovich.

My conclusion will be "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again." May God help us because it is not going to be easy! ✧

TRY, TRY AGAIN

by T. H. Palmr

'Tis a lesson you should heed,
If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try again.

Then your courage should appear,
For if you will persevere,
You will conquer, never fear,
Try, try again.

Once or twice though you should fail,
If you would at last prevail,
Try, try again.

If we strive, 'tis no disgrace,
Though we do not win the race;
What should you do in the case?
Try, try again.

If you find your task is hard,
Time will bring you your reward,
Try, try again.

All that other folks can do,
Why with patience should not you?
Only keep this rule in view:
Try, try again.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

by Seth Keifer, age 9

Practice means to do something over and over again. When I was first riding my bike, I had two training wheels on the back. As I got older, I got a new bike, but I still wanted to keep my old bike. I thought I could ride faster on it. As I kept on riding my old bike, one of the training wheels broke. After a couple of months, the other training wheel broke too. It was then that I realized I didn't need them anymore—I had practiced enough!

When I first came to Small Cloud, I could barely read big words. Mrs. Nelson helped me read big words by sounding them out. Soon, after a few months, I was reading much better than I used to. I still have some problems reading, but I don't have as many problems as I did in the past. I can't read super well, but if I continue to practice, I know I will learn to read very well. ✧

(continued from page 1: SCCS Update)

tumor. For now, Mrs. Schendel experiences a lot of fatigue, but no pain—praise God!

Spring break was taken a little late this year. The reason for this was that Mr. and Mrs. Nelson needed to make a trip to the big island of Hawaii on business. Of course, Stephen, Jonathan, and Jeremiah went along too, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Schendel.

In this newsletter you will read articles by the students. Bear in mind that their writing is a work in progress—the students are learning and improving each day. ✧

ZIG ZIGLAR

by David Petrovich, age 14

You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." This quote is by a man named Zig Ziglar. He was born on November 6, 1926, in southeastern Alabama. He was the tenth of twelve children. His parents were John Silas and Lila Wescott. Zig also served in the United States Navy in World War II. I sort of like his quote, and here is how it applies to my life.

When I first started to drive a motorcycle, I was really scared and often gave it too much gas. I was mostly scared because my feet could not reach the ground. In order to stop, I would have to drive to a log. I could also have my brothers slow down the motorcycle to a complete stop; then I would cautiously get off of it.

On one of my rides I had an accident when I was turning around. I gave the bike too much gas and let go of the clutch too fast and literally lost control. I hit the side of the road, and the clutch snapped and broke. It was a good thing I was wearing my helmet. When I got up, I felt like my wrist was broken; I just could not move it. Fortunately my brother had not gone to work yet and helped me get home. Eventually, over time, my wrist got better; and I also got better at riding the motorcycle, though I still cannot say I am great at driving.



So remember: "You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." Zig Ziglar knew what he was talking about when he wrote this quote. He also became the top salesman of several different companies. ✧

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The school received a check in the amount of \$15.00 for Box Tops for Education labels. Thank you to those of you who take the time to cut out these little coupons and send them to us.

WE NEED MONEY TO BUY...

We need money to buy everything. In the olden days you had to bargain over the price. And you paid with animals and different resources. Now we need money to buy toys, clothes, tickets, windows, honey, books, cars, milk, chairs, paper, cups, flowers, pillows, pets, fish, food, doors, pens, hats, cats, boxes, etc.

I know one thing you don't have to pay for—God's love. The end.



by Stephen Nelson, age 8

(Editor's Note: This article was written, set up, and typed by Stephen himself.)