

September's Family Devotional

“Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life.” (Proverbs 19:20, NLT)

Summer is over and you're back to school. As much as I loved summer as a kid, there was always something exciting about the first day of school—even if I didn't want to admit it! There was the new notebook with crisp sheets of white paper, the new pink eraser without a dent in it, the new sharpened pencils, and often a new outfit. I didn't think much about the whole year ahead on the first day of school. I was mostly excited to see friends. But I'm thinking that you can do better than that. I'd like you to plan ahead. And it's not too late!

So just what do I mean by planning ahead?

Decide what kind of student you will be. Set some goals for yourself. You could even write them down and keep them in your notebook. Set goals like: I'll really listen in class rather than daydream, doodle, or pass notes. I'll turn every assignment in on time. I'll study for a test before I play. I'll never cheat. I'll ask for help if I don't understand a concept. I'll always treat my teacher with respect. I'll take an active part in class, and not be the kid with an attitude.

Decide what kind of sportsperson you will be. Set goals like: I won't be a sore loser. I won't be cocky if I win. I'll be helpful and use my abilities to help other kids learn. I won't lose my temper on the court or on the field.

Decide what kind of friend you'll be. Set goals like: I'll talk to the new kid on the first day, and welcome him or her to our school. I won't be a part of a group or clique, but have lots of friends. I'll make sure that I have other friends outside my circle of close friends. I'll sit by a kid who's sitting alone at lunch, and play with a kid who's all alone at recess.

Finally, decide what kind of son or daughter you'll be. And by that, I mean what kind of son or daughter of God. Set goals like: I'll practice WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) when I'm not sure how to handle a situation. I'll say “no” when someone asks me to do something I think is wrong. I will make my Heavenly Father proud of me! You get to decide how you'll live this school year. By planning ahead, you can keep from having regrets on the last day. So set some goals—and have a great school year!

A Grandparents Love

The most important thing that grandparents bring their little ones is love. Babies, toddlers and preschoolers learn and grow through close, caring relationships with the adults in their lives. The attention, interaction and unconditional love from grandparents (and parents, of course) helps a young child feel safe and secure. And that's what they need for healthy brain development.

So, the love of a grandparent makes a real, lasting impact on a young child's future. Research also shows that a close, involved relationship is good for grandparents, too, contributing to healthier, happier and possibly even longer lives.

Source: <https://www.firstthingsfirst.org/resources/grandparents/>



Upcoming Family Events

- September 23 - Pathfinder Induction - 11:15am
- September 23 - Dinosaur Encounter - 7:00pm
- September 30 - Adventurer Registration - 5:00pm
- October 1 - Corn Roast - 3:00pm
- October 8 - PACS Fall Festival - 1:00-4:00pm



Corn Roast

Bring the whole family to our annual Corn Roast! Come October 1st at 3:00pm to our back lawn. More details in next week's Communique. This year's event is organized by Family Ministries.



“Great marriages don't happen by luck or by accident. They are the result of a consistent investment of time, thoughtfulness, forgiveness, affection, prayer, mutual respect, and a rock-solid commitment between a husband and a wife.” — Dave Willis

