



HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL UPDATES

Our school year has started off with a bang! Somehow September always seems to move in double time and before you know it we have a whole month of school completed. We were very excited to welcome 7 new students this year, 6 kindergarteners and 1 first grader! Unfortunately, we did have to say goodbye to our middle school teacher after the first week of school due to some unforeseen medical problems with her husband. God is good though, since I (Mrs. Skalsky) was already familiar with these students and their curriculum and was thus able to step in to fill that role for the time being. Please continue to pray that we find a replacement teacher, as this is not a long term solution. It has been an adjustment for all of us trying to work with one less teacher, but with the grace of God we have persevered and fallen into a good rhythm.

We have several new faces on our staff this year and some returning ones. I am sure you all remember Miss Kylie Wharton, who taught 2nd grade last year. Miss Wharton has taken on the great task of teaching Kindergarten through 2nd grade this year. We are very glad to have her experience not just from our school but also from teaching Kindergarten in New Mexico the year before. As you can imagine it is a hefty task for her since she has all 7 of the new students in her class. But, I am pleased to say that she has made this adjustment period for the new students very easy and she has great control of her classroom. Miss Wharton has also made some fun additions to her classroom, including a new rug and chair for reading time and several posters to help give the students more visuals of what they are learning. Miss Wharton is also continuing her role as the art teacher for the entire school and she has several fun projects lined up already!

Miss Wharton is also being assisted this year by Miss Bernadette Timura. Miss Timura brings a lot of experience with children since she has 7 younger siblings. This has been of great value to the classroom especially with the kindergarteners! Miss Timura has especially been instrumental in

helping 2 of our new students who speak limited English, she has worked hard to form a connection with them and better understand and communicate with them.

In our 3rd grade classroom we have Miss Hannah Gabbard this year! Miss Gabbard also brings lots of experience with children since she has several younger siblings that she has helped homeschool. She also has worked as a tutor so she is familiar with and very capable of working with students one on one when necessary. Miss Gabbard has also taken on the role of teaching music to our students this year! She has continued the great work of Miss Meinholz last year by teaching them lots of new songs and working on their vocal ranges as well. Miss Gabbard also hopes to be able to start teaching the students to play the ukulele as well, as soon as we can find the funds or receive donations to purchase some ukuleles.



I will not say too much about myself or my classroom since I am also a returning face. All I will say is that this was not my plan for what I would be doing in the school this fall, but as always God's plan is better, and I know that He is looking over our school! The students in 5th-8th grade have done a wonderful job of adjusting to the new setup and they are very gracious and patient with their new teacher! I would also like to thank the volunteers that have stepped up to help with things like math, reading and substituting for teachers!

With introductions out of the way, I just want to speak of a few things that have already happened in our school and a few things coming up soon! We had the privilege of having Mr. Timothy Nelson speak with our students about St. Pius X on his feast day! The 5th-8th graders also made some volcanoes for science class! And our Moby standardized testing is well underway!

Looking ahead, the students are already preparing for the Jog-A-Thon, which will be on October 25th. They have been drawing pictures in art class to send out in their letter requests for sponsors as well as actively going out and finding sponsors.

We will also be having our first ever History/Geography fair this year! We are not sure on the exact date yet but it should be a fun and informative event!

I think that is all I have to say for now. Please be assured of our prayers for all of you daily and please keep us in your prayers! Thank you for your continued support of our school!

God bless,
Mrs. Theresa Skalsky