

## Upcoming Events

| Thurs. Jan. 7 | End 2nd <br> Semester |
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| Wed., Jan. 13 | Kaylee's 1/2 <br> Birthday |
| Sab., Jan 16 | Little Lights <br> sing for church |
| Mon., Jan. 18 | No School- <br> MLK Jr. Day |
| Mon., Feb. 8 | EmmiLou's 1/2 <br> Birthday |

## Francisco Javier

| Offerings taken each Thursday |  |
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| Monthly Goal: |  |
| \$30 |  |
| Received so far for January : |  |
| \$5.28 |  |
| Mad Minute Progress |  |
| Addition \& |  |
| Subtraction | Division |
| Level | Level |
| 5 SM | 16 SM, AR, JK |
| 6 AR, JK, SC | 17 SC, SV, KS |
| 7 | 18 |
| 8 SV | 19 FM |
| 9 | 20 |
| 10 KS | 21 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 12 \mathrm{DC} \\ & 13 \mathrm{EK}, \mathrm{FM} \\ & 14 \\ & 15 \mathrm{PR} \end{aligned}$ | 22 EK, PR, DC |
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|  | 25 MC |
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## Teacher Essay

Following is an article that was written by an Adventist teacher from another conference who has given me permission to reprint it in our newsletter. I thought it contained excellent thoughts for each of us to ponder.
I am a teacher. I'm in my eighth year of teaching, and over that relatively short period of time, l've noticed a few things. The number of arguments have increased. There is more name calling and temper flare-ups when a game is lost than there used to be. We spend increased time practicing anger management solutions and how to disagree politely. We repeatedly discuss that people have different opinions- and the fact that someone thinks differently does not make them a bad person.
I'm not complaining, I'm concerned.
Children are sponges and mirrors. Their behaviors reflect what they hear and see in the environment around them. Their brains aren't fully developed, and the cognitive skills of critical thinking and impulse suppression are in the process of being formed. They pick up their behavioral cues from what goes on around them. We have to wonder, then, what are we, as adults, modeling for the next generation? When I see what is happening in the world today, my students are doing quite well, all things considered. Grown-ups are engaged in the same behaviors as my 5-9 year old students do when they lose a game of soccer. Can I be shocked at name-calling, when I see grown-ups choose to display yard signs that call government officials idiots? Should I be dismayed when a student ices out the person they had an argument with, when adults on social media self-righteously cancel those who hold different views? Do I need to be worried about a student bad-mouthing another child, when adults use any platform available to attack the characters of people they used to call friends?
The kids are on the Internet. They see what the keyboard warriors type. The kids are in the car. They hear the language used in disagreements. The kids are in the church. They absorb the attitudes towards those who are different.
Children are sponges and mirrors. Their behaviors reflect what they see and hear in the environment around them. Since that is the case, may we as adults take a good, long look at the actions and language we produce for them to absorb.
May we teach our children kindness. May we model for our children how

## Hot Lunch

Wednesday, January 13

## Baked Potato Bar

Mo \& Kaj: 4 lb . broccoli florets
Contreras: 2 large onions
Fortunate: 2 red peppers
Kuzvinzwa: 3 cans chili beans
Princess: 3 cucumbers
Kaylee: 3 cans chili beans
Ratliff: 1 can diced tomatoes, 1 can tomato sauce
Mtonga: 5 lb . red potatoes
Vandyn: 2 cans kidney beans
Hale: 5 lb . white potatoes
Mitchell: 3 cans pinto beans
Car/Sky: 2 cans sliced olives
Ms. Hay: 5 lb . potatoes
Mrs. Wright: cheese sauce

## Wednesday, January 20

Vegeburgers \& Tots
Mo \& Kaj: 32 oz. tator tots Contreras: 32 oz. tator tots Fortunate: 2 heads iceberg lettuce
Kuzvinzwa: 32 oz. tator tots
Princess: 7 Roma tomatoes Kaylee: jar of sliced dill pickles Ratliff: 16 whole wheat burger buns Mtonga: 16 whole wheat burger buns
Vandyn: 8 whole wheat burger buns
Hale: 1 bag Griller crumbles
Mitchell: 1 bag Griller crumbles
Carter/Skyler: 1 large sweet onion
Ms. Hay: 1 bag PF stuffing mix
Mrs. Wright: burgers


Points to Ponder
"How poor are they that have not patience? What wound did ever heal but by degrees?" -w.Shakespeare


## Chuckle Bits

Q: What did the science book say to the math book?
A: Wow! You've got problems!
to seek truth, to call out wrong, and to stand firmly for the right. May we show our children how to be dignified during adversity. May we train our children how to disagree without becoming assassins of another's character. May we show our children that love takes action. May we closely monitor our words and actions, because always, always, always- the children are listening. By Toni Neri


Milo Sloan Hale 2nd Grader

## IHAS Friends

Favorite Bible character: Moses because I like how he was brave enough to tell the people of Israel to come with him.
Favorite Bible verse: Genesis $1: 1$; I like to imagine how the garden looked.
Favorite color: orange
Pet I'd like: a German shepherd dog
Favorite food: salad with onions
Least-liked food: icing from cake
Favorite sweet treat: butterscotch ice cream
Favorite scent: lavender
Worst scent: stink bugs
Favorite hymn: Nobody Else Could Do That Favorite hot lunch: haystacks
My parents are my heroes because they is protect me.
An accomplishment in my life I'm most pleased with is learning to play baseball
I think an interesting person from history is George Washington.
If I could choose a name for myself, I'd choose Judah.
I think 7 is the best age to be because I like that number.
In the future, I'd like to be a teacher.
I am afraid of the people that sometimes look scary, but drawing and painting make me happy.
Getting tucked in at bedtime makes me feel loved.
I like to give the owl game to my cousin at Christmastime.
Cars are my favorite way to travel.
If I get to spend all day outside, I'd swing. Disgusting smells bug me.
A language I wish I could speak is French. If I were a teacher, I'd teach my students how to do crafts.
When I grow up, I am most eager to have a work at Wetherford, if it's still going.
If I were a parent, these would be my top three rules: 1) do your chores; 2) you can't do whatever you want 3) go to bed when I say
If I had a store, I'd sell vegetables and
 fruits.
Miscellaneous information: I draw and work at school.

