



# News Notes

August 22, 2025



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## Dates to Remember

- Aug. 24 School Picnic 4:00-6:00 PM in the valley – Gentry SDA church pavilion
- Aug. 29 Vision & Hearing Screening
- Sept. 1 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- Sept. 2-12 MAP Testing
- Sept. 15-19 “FUN” Week
- Sept. 19 Fall Track & Field Day
- Sept. 20 (DATE CHANGE) VESPERS/ GLOW RIDE 6:30-9:00 PM

needs of pets and how to take care of them. In social studies, we discussed how our actions affect the feelings of others and why it's important to be thoughtful.

I will be sending home the new Reading Log #2 in the blue folder; this one should stay at home. On Monday, please return Reading Log #1. If, for any reason, you do not have it, simply write the minutes your child read each day on a piece of paper.

Wishing everyone a happy Sabbath and a wonderful weekend!

routines. Our class is feeling settled and connected now!

In Language Arts, we are reviewing short vowels and word endings (-s, -es, and -ing). We talked about how to use illustrations to help us understand what we are reading, and how to write complete sentences.

In Math, we have been skip counting by one's, five's, ten's, and hundred's. We have also been practicing strategies to make us more fluent when adding and subtracting within 20.

I apologize for the mix up with the Friday Folders last week. Please look through your child's folder this week and send it back signed on Monday.

## Pre-K

### Mrs. Joanna Davis



We have completed the second week of school.

This week, our letters of focus are R and P. Our number is 2. Words are at, rat, and pat. Our color is green, and our shape is a circle.

Our Bible story this week has been about the seven days of creation.

I am so glad that the temperature is starting to drop.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

### Mrs. Bonny Baldrige

First graders have been so busy this week! We've shared favorite Bible stories, practiced our classroom routines, and spent time getting to know each other. We've also been working on number sense, learning what it means to be a good citizen, started literacy stations, and dove into our phonics curriculum like champs! Such an exciting start to the year and we are excited to see all the learning adventures still to come!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades

### Mrs. Hayli Enochs



This week in 3/4 we had a really neat conversation about heaven during worship, and not one of us wanted it to end. I love that my students love to dwell on heavenly things as much as I do! We started math! Some were happy about that, and others not so much. The 3rd and 4th graders are beginning to learn the recorder, and they absolutely love Ms. Sara! Our P.E. slot is first thing in the morning, and if you have not already sent deodorant in with your child, please do so. We have a special spot for it in our room so we can all apply it before and/or after.



## Kindergarten

### Mrs. Yossy Castillo

Each morning, the children arrived already knowing what to do for their welcome work, and they became more familiar with the daily routine. Our letter of the week was Aa, and in math, we practiced numbers 1-5. In science, we learned about the

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

### Mrs. Jamie Short

This week, we started regular work while still practicing our



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We still love to collect bugs, slugs, lizards, cow wasps, and anything else we can convince to climb into our hands and buckets!



## 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades Mrs. Tania Miller



Dear Parents/Guardians,  
We have been working on rules and procedures this week, while easing into class work. The students have been doing amazing with this transition.

We have a book report due by the end of September. Details have been posted on our class dojo site.

Things to note:

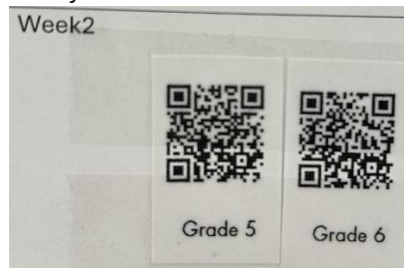
- Yellow folders are sent home every Friday for communication. Please sign the front of the folder to indicate you have seen the contents inside the folder and please return on Monday.
- Grade reports are sent weekly in the yellow Friday Folder envelopes unless stated otherwise. There will

be no grade reports sent home until the first Friday in September.

- Spelling tests are taken every Friday (unless stated otherwise). Your child's spelling words for the following week are always found in their Friday folders.
- Bible Memory Verse tests are also taken every Friday (unless stated otherwise). The memory verse is always posted in our weekly news notes.

### Spelling lists have been set out in our Friday Folders.

Our spelling program individualizes student learning. The students take a pre-test online at [myzbportal.com](http://myzbportal.com), and based on their results, their spelling list is determined. We take a pretest on Thursdays and send home your child's list in their Friday folder.



Please scan the barcode to access the spelling list and to practice with the online tutor. Select the diamond, square, or circle depending on the list your child is assigned. (The shape will appear on the list sent home)

Bible Memory Verse:

"But Jesus said, 'No, go home to your friends, and tell them what wonderful things the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.'"

Blessings,  
Mrs. Miller

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Mr. Ethan Reid



We've had a great second week! Students are getting more comfortable with our routines, and it's been fun to see their personalities shine through. Next week, we'll be starting our first book unit on The Unlikeliest Hero. This story will give us a chance to practice reading skills and talk about important themes like courage and character. I'm excited to see the connections students will make as we read together. If you haven't already, please check the link I sent to get connected to our ClassDojo page—or reach out to me and I'll help you get set up. Thanks for your support, and I'm looking forward to another great week!





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## LIBRARY Mrs. Crystal Beierle



### 8/21/25 AR Points

<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
	Emmaline	1.0
	Nic	1.3
	Quinlyn	1.4
	David	2.8
	Samuel	5.1
	Mason	11.0
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
Amelia 1.5	Melody	1.0
Rylan 2.5	Brianna	2.0
Micah 2.5	Olivia	2.0
Griffin 2.5	Cruz	2.0
Samuel 3.4	Mia	4.0
Casey 6.0	Lily	5.6
	Cady	7.4
	Julianna	21.0
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
Harper 1.3	Emily	1.3
Ian 1.8	Autumn	4.0
Ava 1.8	Kinsley	7.2
Anyka 2.0	Jony	9.1
Leighton 2.1	Jed	10.0
Aymer 2.7		
Oliver 3.0		
Ivy 3.0		
Kori 5.0		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	
Theo 1.4	Santiago	1.8
Otto 2.0	Ezra	10.0
Diego 4.2	Victoria	20.0
<b>4<sup>th</sup> grade</b>		
Miriam 1.4		
Tinsley 3.1		
Karina 23.5		

## OAS HOME & SCHOOL



We made it through week two. Wow! What a great start to the school year!

Glad to see everyone is getting settled into their new routines and are already creating new friendships!

We've got some fun and exciting things in store for you this year, and we would love to have you on board as a volunteer. If you are interested in helping with Home & School events this year, please contact Samrina Cox at 479-220-2184.

Here are some upcoming Home & School events to put on your calendar:

**Sunday 8/24 from 4pm-6pm:**  
Back-To-School Picnic in the Valley at the Gentry SDA Church. We will have food, water activities, and lots of fun! Can't wait to see you there! (This event is being counted as a school day, so all students will be required to be there.)

**Saturday 9/20 from 6:30-8:30 pm:**  
OAS Annual Glow Ride. Come dress to glow as we ride into the night. More details to come!

**Wednesday 9/24 7:30 am:** National See You at the Pole Day. We will gather around the flag pole for

prayer and encouragement. Refreshments will be provided. :)

Looking forward to a great year!

Samrina Cox  
Home & School Director

## OAS SPORTS

Boys' basketball tryouts grades 6-8, Tuesday, September 2, from 3:30-4:45 at the OAA gym. 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join. Parents, please plan to stay after for a quick meeting to discuss expectations for the season.

Girls' basketball tryouts grades 6-8, Tuesday, September 2, from 5:30-7:15 PM at the Youth Center. Parents, please plan to stay after for a quick meeting to discuss practice days/times, and expectations for the season.

Soccer – if there are any parents interested in coaching soccer, please reach out to Heather King at 479-228-3500.

