



NEWSLETTER

The Value of Work: From Today to Eternity

Many futurists predict that when the AI era fully arrives, most productive work and services will be replaced by machines. They envision a world where countless jobs disappear, and governments distribute machine-generated profits to displaced workers through social security systems. Whether this future will materialize remains uncertain. Even if it does, we must question whether it would truly benefit humanity. Would people find genuine happiness staying home with nothing to do and no sense of purpose? Many futuristic films depict people spending their days on couches wearing VR headsets—watching dramas, movies, or playing games. Would such an existence really bring fulfillment?

Years ago, my father retired at 58 and came to the United States to visit me for several months. As time passed, he began struggling with idleness. Eating and resting might feel enjoyable for a few days or even weeks, but doing nothing for the remainder of one's life becomes an enormous burden. My father had originally planned to stay six months, but after four, someone offered him work. He accepted immediately, returned to Korea, and worked another five years. Even now, he cannot simply remain idle at home. He rents land to farm and finds deep joy in his labor.

Why do we eagerly await the weekend? As someone who keeps the Sabbath on Saturday as a day of worship, I look forward to Friday's end and Saturday's arrival because it means rest from my labors. But here's the key: the true value of rest can only be appreciated by those who have worked diligently beforehand. For someone who does nothing every day, a holiday feels no different from any other day—there is no contrast, no relief, no gratitude.

The Bible reveals that even in the new heavens and new earth, we will not spend eternity idly eating and resting. Isaiah 65:21–22 (NKJV): "They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands." Some might think the prophet Isaiah misunderstood heaven's nature, but I believe this passage reveals the true character of God's kingdom and demonstrates His profound wisdom. God did not design humans to find happiness in idleness. We are created to serve and work for one another—not just temporarily, but eternally. The difference between this world and the next is that in the new heavens and new earth, our labor will bear lasting fruit. Nothing we do will be in vain, and we will experience deeper joy and fulfillment than we have ever known.

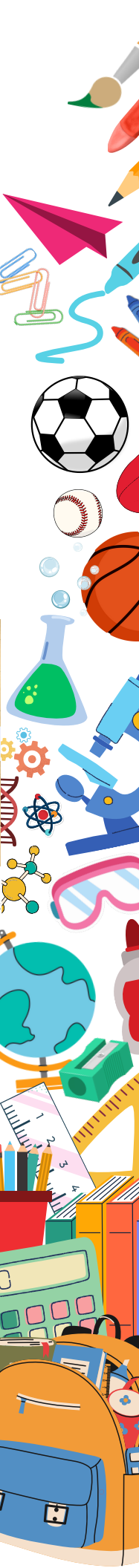
This principle applies to our students as well. Those who work hard in their studies during the week will find weekends genuinely joyful and refreshing. But students who idle away their school days often find weekends dull and unsatisfying, as though something essential is missing. Just as a week spent doing nothing makes the weekend meaningless, a life of leisure without purpose and preparation leads to a future filled with unwanted tasks—or worse, a life of emptiness. Let us all strive to be SDA students who study diligently, understanding that meaningful work is not a burden to escape but the very path to a fulfilling life.



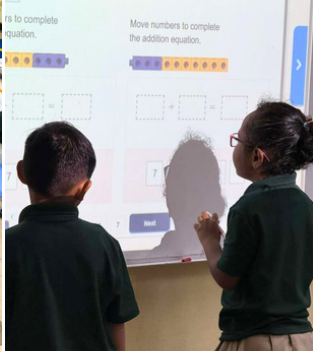
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Learn

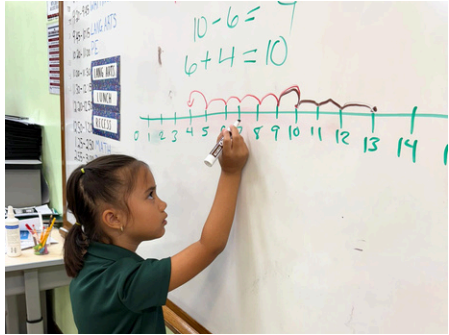




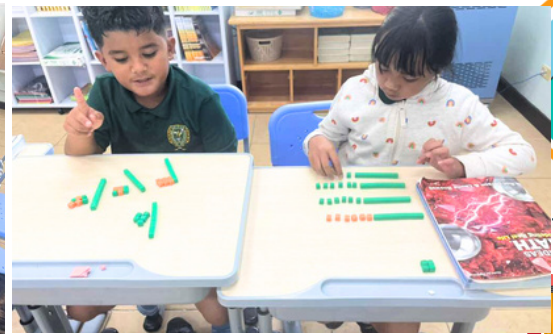
Kindergarten - Left to right: Learning about fossils and making our own to see how they look like; using their creative minds with blocks and legos; and practicing the musical scale.



1st Grade - Left to right: Strengthening their math skills through mental Math and practicing adding in any order. They also worked on assessments and continued developing their writing skills during ELA class.



2nd Grade - Left to right: Reviewing number lines to strengthen their Math understanding, completing assessments to show what they've learned, and becoming story detectives—asking thoughtful questions to find clues and better understand the text.



3rd and 4th grade - Left to right: Students sharpened math skills on 99math, created paper balloon 'shuttlecocks' to play the Brazilian game 'Peteca,' and used concrete materials to explore the Distributive Property in multiplication.



5th & 6th Grade - Left to right: Practicing European dance and practicing a skit for cultural week, and learning positive words.

BE KIND
 ... AND COMPASSIONATE ...
TO ONE ANOTHER
FORGIVING
EACH OTHER
 JUST AS IN
CHRIST GOD
FORGAVE YOU
 EPHESIANS 4:32



7th & 8th Grade - Left to Right: Completing the student assessment on Let's Go Learn.

School Picnic



Friday Chapel



October Birthdays

- Rhea Lei Raymond 6
- Jebon Jinna 10
- Rowan Sakisat 12
- Deighton Muña 22
- Owen Li 26
- Alan Yu 27
- Castiel Albert 27



Dates to Know

(Schedule Changed from Oct. 14 to Oct. 17)

October 6 - 10

Cultural Week

Wednesday, October 8

End of 1st Quarter

Thursday, October 9

Start of 2nd Quarter

Monday, October 13

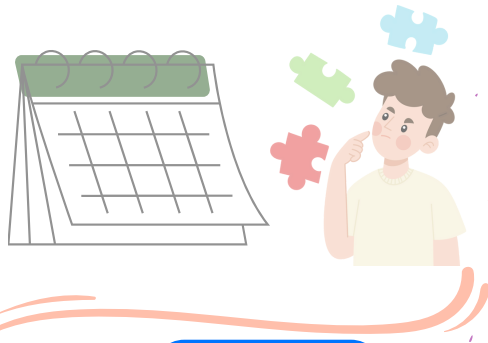
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Commonwealth Cultural Day

(Schedule Changed from Oct. 20 to Oct. 23)

Thursday, October 23

Elementary Parent Teacher Conference



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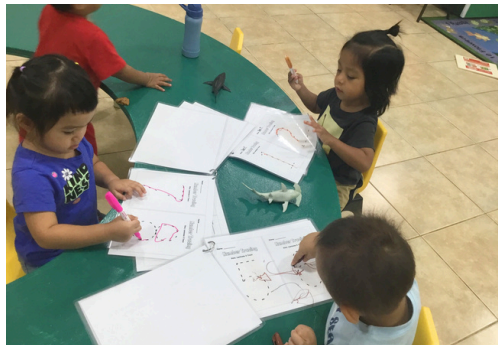
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Child Development Center



Toddlers – Left to right: Practicing number tracing, puzzle matching, and having fun during outside play.



Preschool – Left to right: Cutting out fall leaves as a fun way to explore and learn about the different seasons.



Pre-Kinder – Left to right: Practicing writing the letter 'Ee' using playdough, making learning both fun and hands-on! Students using their play time to explore books by looking at pictures and sharing what they saw.

After School Academy



Indoor Play

Cooking



Art Class