



NEWSLETTER

One More Degree

What is the greatest regret people carry through life? Some mourn things left undone – opportunities never taken, love never confessed, moments that slipped quietly away. But for me, the deepest regret is simpler and heavier than all the rest: giving up. And giving up, I have learned, is often the hidden root of the others.

Of all the things I have abandoned, the one that troubles me most is giving up on people – a spouse, children, friends. We build expectations and nurture quiet hopes, only to discover that people do not change according to our timetable. Human hearts are not clay in our hands. Real change demands enormous devotion and, above all, time – sometimes more time than we will live to see.

There is a simple truth about water: it does not boil at 97 degrees, or 98, or even 99. It is hot, but it remains water. Only at 100 degrees does it change state. Only then does transformation become visible. Human effort works the same way. There is a threshold – a tipping point – where persistence suddenly becomes progress. The tragedy is not that people refuse to endure hardship. Many endure far more than they thought possible. The tragedy is that we stop at 98 or 99 degrees, unable to see how close we are, worn down by waiting, uncertain how much longer it will take. Later, we realize we were almost there.

At a recent Winter Olympics, a young athlete fell hard during her first two attempts in the snowboard halfpipe final. Most competitors would have withdrawn. Instead, she tried once more – and that final run won the gold medal. Only afterward did doctors discover she had been competing with broken bones. The victory existed because she refused to stop just short of the finish. Had she quit earlier, history would have recorded nothing – and she would never have known how close she had been. Imagine discovering later that one more attempt would have changed everything. That kind of regret does not fade easily.

So the question becomes personal. Do you carry a dream? A plan? A relationship you have quietly stopped investing in? Every meaningful goal includes a long, difficult stretch called waiting. Most people collapse there, near the end, mistaking exhaustion for impossibility. When you feel most tempted to quit, assume you are at 99 degrees. Add one more degree. Take one more step. Push a little further – not because success is guaranteed, but because stopping just before the threshold is the one failure that cannot be repaired.

The breakthrough you seek may already be within reach. Do not give up too soon. One more degree can change everything.



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Principal





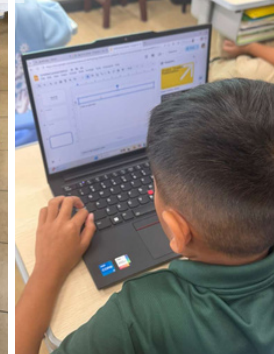
Kindergarten - Left to right: Learning how to play handbells and learning chores: folding shirts and car washing



1st Grade - Left to right: Focusing on handwriting practice outside and working on blending sounds to form words and enhance reading skills in ELA.



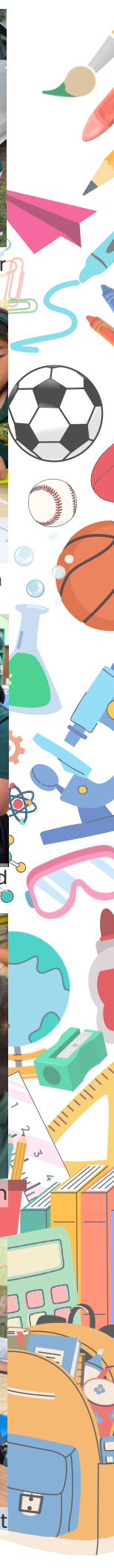
2nd Grade - Left to right: Learning about various types of maps, as well as continents and oceans; and playing a blindfold game about believing without seeing, inspired by the story of Thomas.



3rd & 4th Grade - Learning prayer as a way to build a relationship with God, paraphrasing a chapter in pairs, sorting words for phonemic awareness practice, and creating presentations on Google Slides.



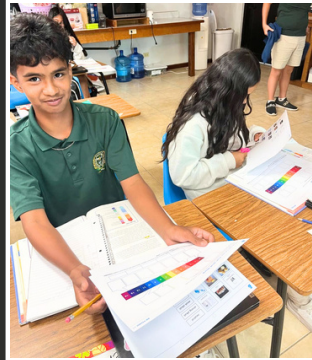
5th & 6th Grade - Left to right: Learning how to write field notes and taking the Renaissance assessment test.





WE love
BECAUSE
HE FIRST
loved us

1 JOHN 4:19



7th & 8th Grade - Left to right: Working on Ph scale, collaborating and working on root words and column sort, and taking the Renaissance assessment test.

Physical Education



Friday Chapel



March Birthdays

- Taylor Aquino 7
- Jasper Zhu 7
- Blake Kileleman 10
- Ke'alohe Brazzle 10
- Wuttipat Sukanpong 12
- Regina Ayala Gutierrez 17
- Tina Sun 21
- Emma Leon Guerrero 28
- Ivan Agulto 30
- Melvin Sakisat III 31



Dates to Know

March 4 to 6

CDC Parent Teacher Conference
Wednesday - Pre-Kinder
Thursday - Preschool
Friday - Toddlers

Friday, March 13

End of 3rd Quarter

Monday, March 16

Start of 4th Quarter

Friday, March 20

Penny Wars Final Count

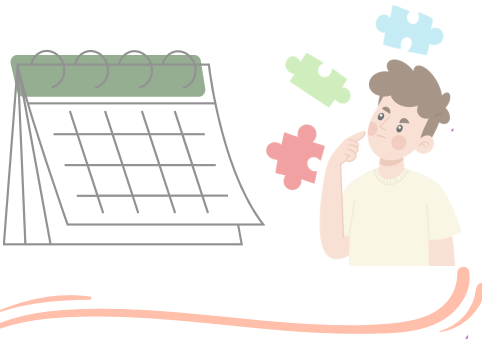
Tuesday, March 24

No School

Commonwealth Covenant Day

Thursday, March 26

Elementary Parent Teacher Conference
-Early Pick Up 12:30 pm



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Child Development Center



Toddlers - From left to right: Discovering the number 3 by tracing and coloring three bees and engaging in their morning exercises.



Preschool - Left to right: Painting a picture of Daniel in the lion's den; and classifying, cutting and pasting pictures of living things and nonliving things.



Pre-Kindergarten - Left to right: Engaging in activities such as playing "Roll and Hop" into shapes; and playing hidden treasures: digging for letters and identifying their names and sounds.

After School Academy



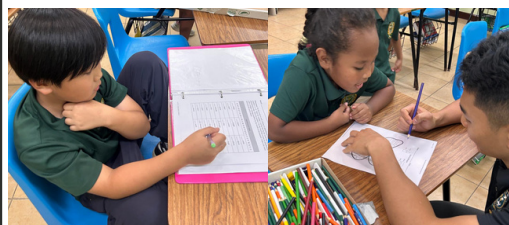
Art



Music



Games



Study Hall



Indoor Play