



NEWSLETTER

Four New Chances

We have completed the first week of a new school year. New teachers, new classrooms, new routines—and most importantly, a new beginning.

Saipan SDA School has four quarters each school year. I like to think of them as more than four grading periods. They are four new chances. Whenever we fall short, we have two choices. We can remain disappointed and give up, or we can learn from the experience and begin again with greater determination. We attend school because education helps prepare us for a better future. Academic success does not guarantee success or happiness in life, but it gives students a stronger foundation and more choices for their future. And students have many opportunities to grow: another quarter, another semester, and another school year.

Last year, I enjoyed seeing students challenge themselves academically. Some were excited to see their names on the Principal's List or Honor Roll. Others were disappointed when they missed it by only a few points. As an educator, I was happy to see both reactions because they showed that students were beginning to care about their academic growth. Elementary school is also a wonderful time to take risks and improve. A disappointing grade today does not determine a student's future. What matters more is the direction of growth over time.

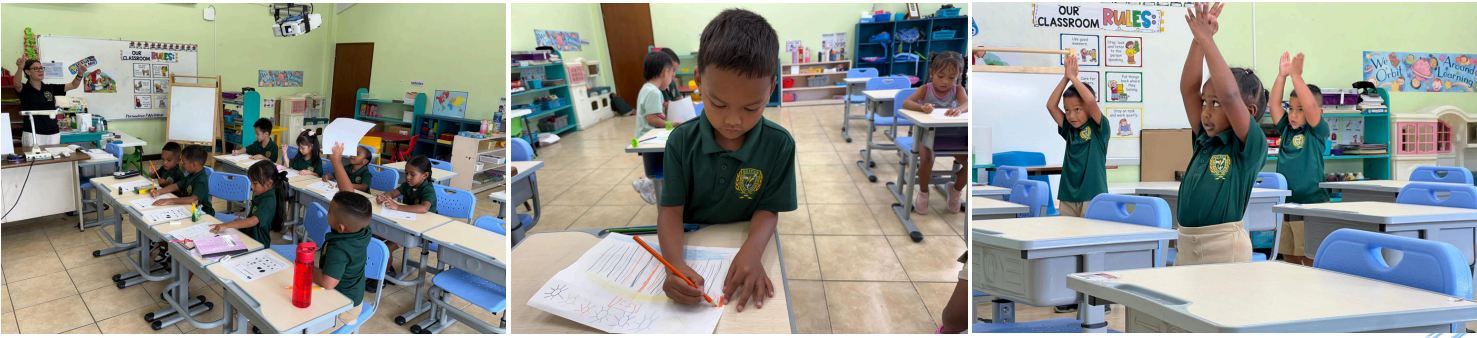
Think about the stock market. It goes up and down constantly. But when we look at a long-term chart, we see a much clearer pattern of growth. I hope our students' academic graphs will look the same. One quarter may go up and another may go down, but over the years, the overall direction should be upward. There is another lesson from investing: compounding. Small improvements become powerful when repeated. Read a little better. Improve your math skills. Study more consistently. Ask more questions. Improve one habit at a time. Then do it again next quarter. Instead of asking, "Can I become a perfect student?" ask, "Can I do a little better this quarter than I did last quarter?" If our students keep doing that, I may eventually have a problem. I give SDA Coins to recognize student accomplishments, which students can spend at our Coin Market. If more students make the Principal's List and Honor Roll, I may run out of coins and prizes and have to keep ordering more toys. That is a problem I would love to have.

Your first grade does not define you. Your worst grade does not define you. What matters is what you do next. Four quarters. Four new chances. Let's see how high your graph can go.



Yeon Ho Song
Principal





Kindergarten - Left to right: Learning about shapes on the first day of school; drawing their favorite things that God made and sharing with the class; and doing Brain Break Activity.



1st Grade - Left to right: Making "First Day of First Grade" crown, singing praise songs in the morning, and stretching prep for Math class.



2nd Grade - Left to right: Learning subtraction in Math class, D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read) Time for improving reading comprehension, and practicing lines in Drama class.



3rd & 4th Grade - Left to right: Learning about synonyms and antonyms in ELA while expanding their vocabulary and understanding of words. In Art class, the students enjoyed expressing their creativity by drawing colorful pictures using markers.



5th & 6th Grade - Left to right: Students are assembling their ELA resource notebooks, focusing on how to organize and utilize essential materials. They also had a great time in Art class, where they tapped into their creativity and expressed themselves through vibrant and enjoyable art projects.



Do **NOT** ^{Be}
AFRAID,
 & I **AM**
 with **YOU.**
Isaiah 43:5

August
 Birthdays

Hannah Yamagishi	1
Bentley Lisua	3
Pamela Restauero	7
Clayton Albert	15
Bre'ana Lisua	22
Ben Jeffrey Jinna	24
Mykah Jax Salas	27



7th & 8th Grade - Left to right: Creating their ELA resource notebook, singing songs in Bible class, and answering history questions by moving around the room.

Physical Education



Back to School Night



Friday Chapel



Upcoming Events

Monday, September 7

No School

Labor Day

Wednesday, September 9

Student Association Elections

Friday, September 18

Early Dismissal - CDC

No After School - Elementary
Professional Development Day

Sunday, September 20

School Picnic



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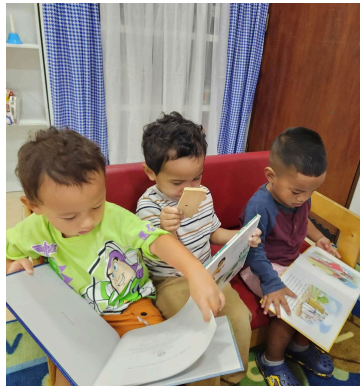
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Child Development Center



Toddlers – Left to right: Our little toddlers doing bubble wrap painting to improve their fine motor skills.



Preschool – Left to right: Learning about God's creation, enjoying painting the Earth. and learning that God created our beautiful world.



Pre-Kindergarten – Left to right: Students are having fun naming and labeling objects, as well as their classmates, while also exploring their bodies through tracing and coloring activities.

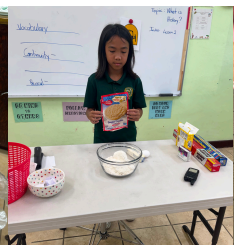
After School



Gardening



Cooking Class



Games



Outdoor Sports



Indoor Play