



OMPH School Scene

The True Meaning of Gratitude - A Kindergartener's Perspective

If you look up the word gratitude in the dictionary you would find that it says it's the quality or feeling of being grateful or thankful for something. King David wrote, "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High: to show forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night." (Psalm 92;1-2). In the beginning of kindergarten we discuss the significance of what it means to be grateful when we talk about our faith, families and friends, and the world around us. The heart of a kindergartener is so genuine and pure. When it comes to their perspective of gratitude they express it in the simplest forms. For example the children show their gratitude through prayer, singing, poetry, listening to the devotions in the book the Jesus Calling, listening to Bible stories, and working with their classmates.

During the month of November we focus on what the students are grateful for and how they can share that with others. We designed a bulletin board with a grateful banner tree with their expressed ideas on it. They also designed with their fifth grade prayer pals creative scenes of animals, people, and things that God made in the world using objects from nature. The kindergarteners also painted colorful fall trees to reflect God's beauty in nature. The children are thankful to God because of the beauty around them including the many gifts that God had bestowed on each one of them. They are taught to embrace those gifts and use them daily to help the people around them. During the school day the children will sit quietly and reflect on one thing they are grateful for that day. We then share their ideas with each other. Mrs. Versoza and I admire their simplistic understanding of the world and perspective of what it means to be grateful.

Mrs. Joele Gerhard, Kindergarten Teacher



Honoring Our Veterans



In recognition of Veterans Day we remembered all those men and women who served and continue to serve in our Armed Forces. School families were invited to create a "star" featuring the names of those in their family who are active military and those who served in the past. These were displayed on the bulletin boards in the school lobby.



In addition, a special prayer service was held on Monday, November 12th for our school community to which veterans and our school families were invited. Father John offered a special blessing for all veterans in attendance. We remember with gratitude the courage and strength of all men and women who serve in the armed forces and are grateful for the selfless sacrifice of our veterans and their families. We pray that God will bless them richly for their dedication and service to our country.

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