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"With God all things are possible." Mark 10:27

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Small Cloud's fifteenth year! We thank God for sustaining Small Cloud and making it possible to continue educating children for eternity. We pray that this year will be a blessed one and that all of us will draw closer to our Heavenly Father. This can be accomplished only as we make the commitment to spend time with Jesus each and every day. Earth's history is rapidly drawing to a close. Are you ready to meet your Maker?

Children aged twelve and under were again invited to Small Cloud's Warrior Night, a wholesome, activity-filled evening designed to replace the ungodly Halloween celebrations. Those who attended enjoyed a light supper, played games, did crafts, and learned a little about the ultimate war between good and evil. Each child received a goodie bag to take home.

Nick Vujicic—have you ever heard that name? If you haven't, go online and find out how God has used this young man in an incredible way to touch thousands of lives. Born without arms or legs, Nick encourages young people never to give up. On Sunday, November 14, he spoke at a church in Sutter Creek, California, and several of the students and parents were privileged to attend his presentation. One can only observe in amazement the wonderful courage and determination of this very special young man.

The Thanksgiving fundraiser dinner has always been a stressful event for the teachers. It falls right at the end of the first quarter, when there are report cards to set up, grades to do, and conferences with parents to schedule. Now, with families of our own (including year-old twins!), we think it best to exchange the Thanksgiving dinner for a spring pasta dinner. We want to thank all those who have supported our Thanksgiving dinners in the past and hope you will join us in our new spring adventure. ■



Nikki Seely closes one eye with her finger so she can better see the blood cells through the microscope.

GIVE THANKS

by Andriana Seely, age 16

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

We, as humans, tend to thank God for the good things. We thank Him for clothes, food, shelter, friends, family, etc. But what about our experiences that are not so good? We also need to thank God for these, because God has a purpose for everything. I will tell you about one of my harder experiences.

This year in school I tried to get on honor roll. Last year I had struggled, but failed. The summer passed and I really thought about getting good grades. So, when this year started, I studied like never before. Passing most of my tests, I thought for sure I would make it.

A week before the end of the first quarter, I received my progress report. On the report there were two D's and one F. I still had a couple of tests to take, so I thought, "No problem! I can bring my grades up in good time." But little did I know how hard it would be. The last day came, and I worked like crazy. I did as much as I could. By the time school was out I could do no more.

After school, when everyone had gone home, my mom worked on my report card. I had brought up my two D's and had raised my F to a C. I watched my mom as she corrected my work and calculated my grades on the computer. When she closed the file, I asked her if that was it. She looked at me and said nothing. It was then I knew it was over. I had missed honor roll by three percentage points.

I cried and cried. I asked God why this had to happen. No answer came for two days. Then my mom realized she had made a mistake. I am in high school now, and my grades are calculated a little differently. My one

C was averaged in with other grades, which brought my final English grade up to a B. When my mom told me this, I screamed for joy.

But why did I have to go through this? God had taught me a lesson I will never forget. I can't just go through life slacking off and then hoping for the best. I need to do my best every day! ■

FEED YOUR FAITH, AND DOUBT
WILL STARVE TO DEATH!



BUTTERFLIES

by Megan Petrovich, age 7

A butterfly is a caterpillar first. It crawls and eats leaves. It grows so quickly. Soon it turns into a butterfly. It will fly with all its colors; then it will lay eggs.



BUTTERFLY, BUTTERFLY

by Davey Petrovich, age 10

Butterfly, butterfly,
Fly, fly, fly.
While gazing in the sky,
Your colors pass by.



Your wings are so thin,
So pretty within.
Butterfly, butterfly,
Fly, fly, fly.



THE SUN

by Alyssa Seely, age 6

I'm going to tell you about the sun. The sun is a star, not a moon. It has a surface and a crown.



Maya Seely draws with chalk during recess

SPELLING STORY

also by Andrew Petrovich

Words to be used: *manuscripts, scribes, Scriptures, conscious, reverence, inscriptions, salvation, circulation, salve, descriptive*

This year my family and I hopped in our car and drove to the "Dead Sea Scrolls" exhibit in Roseville, California. I saw many beautiful manuscripts there and pictures of scribes who copied ancient Scriptures. Many scribes were conscious not to make any errors. The reverence the scribes felt for the Bible could be seen in their beautiful inscriptions. They wanted the news of salvation to reach a world-wide circulation. They thought the news would be a salve to the nations.

I thought the "Dead Sea Scrolls" exhibit was very descriptive of God's plan to protect His Holy Scriptures. I hope I can go back for another visit. Maybe next time I will take some notes so I will remember more things.

CHEERFULNESS

by Andrew Petrovich, age 15

Literature Question: Why does the world have a right to expect cheerful service from us?

Answer: The world has a right to expect cheerful service from us. Even though this world has fallen, we can still be cheerful because Christ died for us. He gave us an opportunity to be saved and to someday go home with Him in the clouds of heaven. We have no excuse to be unhappy or mad. It may seem hard to be cheerful sometimes, but it is still possible with God's help.

THANK YOU!

To those of you who have been sending us BoxTops for Education, thank you very much. Our last check from this organization amounted to \$50.30. So please keep saving and sending in those BoxTops.

We also received a check from GoodSearch in the amount of \$12.64, which represents earnings from October 2009 to September 2010.

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