



ECS OFFICE NEWS

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KNIGHTS!

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Happy Depth

By ECS Headmaster Ted Trainor

Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall...and School. In this span of life, my year has five specific seasons. I am sure you can relate. For each season, different clothes tumble through the laundry cycle. And for each unique time, our dialogues reflect this reality: "How is school going for you?" This year, my seasonal answer to the preceding oft asked question reveals what I believe God is doing at ECS, and perhaps, what He is accomplishing in our families: Depth.

Who is not more deliberate about family expenses in this economy? Whether a family's income has changed or not, choosing ECS to assist you in educating your child comes at a greater cost this year. The gravity of this reality exudes value, and questions of value con-

vey experiences of depth like the excavation of character which occurs in the communication between husbands and wives about the family budget.

As we pinch our pennies, we eat more at home. As we spend more time at home, we spend more time in communion with our family. As we spend more time in communion with our family, we gain time to communicate what is of value. The opportunities to grow children with relational and spiritual depth abound.

When pinched by economic downturns and financial insecurity, we often complain or wax into a melancholy cycle. May it not be said of us! William Cowper (pronounced 'cooper'), author and poet, wrote,

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust Him for His grace. Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face." What meaning could this truth hold for us this year? Less cash flow equals more faith. More conviction births more intentional stewardship. More stewardship reaps more discernment. More discernment strengthens our perseverance. Perseverance develops humility. Humility grows compassion.

As we lean further into this season, I am expecting parents and students to go deeper with the Lord this year – maybe deeper than other years. And, these experiences are only a boon to ECS. Thus, I would say that school is off to a great start!

"Behold, we call those happy who were steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful."

James 5:11

Happy Birthday
To You!!

Knox	8/1
1st Grade	
Brendon	8/6
5th Grade	
Zachary	8/14
1st Grade	
Malik	8/15
4th Grade	
Katelyn	8/24
10th Grade	
Claire	8/24
Pre-K Grade	
Trey	8/25
Pre-K Grade	
Luke	8/31
Kindergarten	



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for August 15th's orientation!

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