



MARCH PARENT LETTER

Toddler Rules of Property

If I like it, it's mine.

If it's in my hand, it's mine.

If I can take it from you, it's mine.

If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.

If it looks just like mine, it's mine.

If I saw it first, it's mine.

If I am doing or building something and you put it down, it automatically becomes mine.

If it's mine, it must never appear to be yours in any way.

If it's broken, it's yours.

If it's broken, where's mine?

We view the "ME" attitude in a toddler as somewhat cute, but in an adolescent it can be frightening and extremely difficult to change. In these crucial years, we strive to help students develop both an appropriate Biblical perspective of the self and a right relationship to others that includes empathy and responsibility when it comes to socialization. Children are born self centered and it is up to the parents, families and teachers to help broaden their view of the world to include others needs and feelings. Children learn to grasp this concept at different rates depending on each child's personality.

All throughout our adult life we must deal with those who are in authority over us; parents, teachers, employers but, most importantly God. Not all who are in authority over us will be fair or unbiased but we all have to learn to deal with them. The only one who ALWAYS has our best interest at heart is our Lord. Sometimes He allows trials to enter our lives, help us grow, and sometimes to get us back on the right track, but He always acts out of the love of a father who wants his children to grow closer to Him. So, as we work to teach our children to respect authority, and as parents and teachers, we are their first run in with authority. We will shape the child's concept of God through how we deal with their behaviors. Will they grow to see God as a harsh unforgiving God or, an understanding, loving God? We all must see our role in these children's lives as an opportunity to show them Christ in our word and actions. Remember that letting your child deal with the consequences of their actions is..loving your child. To rescue a child over and over from the consequences of their actions, or make excuses for their behavior, can keep them from learning how to make a better choice and listen to rules and authority. We can be there to love them and help comfort them as they go through the learning process and then discuss what would have been a better choice. Just as Christ is there to forgive and love us though trials and consequences of difficulties in our lives, we can be there to help prepare our children for the ups and downs of life.

See's Candy

Our Easter egg Fund Raiser is under way. If you have not picked up your sales sheet, it is still waiting for you in your child's folder. We need all parents to participate in our fund raisers so that we can meet our budgetary goals for the year. For every egg sold the school makes \$2.50. So if each parent can sell 20 eggs the school would make \$50.00. I do realize that 20 eggs may be difficult for some of you to sell but we do appreciate anything that you can do to help. All See's orders are due Friday March 20th.

Picture Day – March 31st

We will be taking cap and gown photos of the children who will be moving on to Kindergarten next year. The rest of the children will have the opportunity to take a photo with a springtime background. If your child has their Easter outfit this would be a good time to wear it!

Annual Parent Survey

Each year at this time we give out a parent survey and ask that you fill it out and send it back in. This anonymous survey is our attempt to get feedback from our parents on what kind of job we are doing here at Chapter One. We have stamped self addressed envelopes for you to send your survey back to us.



Chapter One will be closed the week of April 6th - 10th

Summer is Around the Corner: Start thinking about your summer child care needs. Attached to your April bill you will find a summer enrollment questioner. This will be your opportunity to let us know if your child will be dropping for the summer or continuing on throughout the summer months. You will also need to indicate if your child will be returning this fall.

Toys

parents: the teachers would like to ask that children not bring toys or personal items to school. These items become a distraction during class and tend to cause disruptions in the classroom.



Daylight Savings

Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night March 8th
