

WELCOME

To

Mrs. McKenna's Page



HAPPY SPRING!

Middle School at CCS is **THE** place to be!

The annual Keswick spiritual retreat was a resounding success, seventh graders will be off to Pennsylvania soon, and the Class of 2010 will explore Washington DC in the middle of May.

Here's what's happening now....



8th Social Studies

This marking period, 8th grade will cover the *Great Depression* and explore the causes and solutions, both historically and as they relate to current events. Next, we will study America's involvement in *World War II*, the residual *Cold War*, and the lasting impact on the world.



7th Social Studies

As part of our studies, we will read *Animal Farm*, by *George Orwell*. This short novel will introduce students to the allegorical genre, while also exploring the rise of communism and the *Soviet Union*.

The geography of *Asia* is up next on the agenda. As part of our studies, students will memorize and locate *Asian* countries on a map and also celebrate the many cultural contributions of that continent to the *USA* and the world.



6th Social Studies

The cause and effect of the *World Wars* in the 20th century are a main focus this quarter. Students will also learn about current events from a variety of sources. They will take part in a series of debates, which will enhance their public-speaking skills while providing them a forum to express opinions based

upon the facts that they must research and present before the class. As always, Mrs. McKenna will “play” the role of a critic.



5th Social Studies

Skills necessary to the study of history and geography will be stressed this marking period, along with interactive activities that highlight the assembly-line and stock market. After that, we will shift focus and celebrate the wonderful diversity expressed throughout America in our state research projects. Students will learn the rudiments of a research paper, along with participating in various hands-on projects such as creating colorful montages.



5th English

Students will be writing research papers. Fifth graders chose a state and are getting an “introduction” to this necessary skill. Reinforcement of writing and grammatical skills will prepare our class for 6th grade.



8th Literature

As a complement to our studies on World War II and the Holocaust, we are reading *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom. Set in Holland during the Nazi invasion, *The Hiding Place* is the true story of two elderly sisters who risk their lives doing the will of God. This autobiography shows that nothing surprises God or remains a mystery to Him. Rather, it indicates how miraculously God prepares and encourages the people he uses in His plans. My hope is that through this book, students will experience the love of Christ as Savior, as well as the power and sovereignty with which He executes His loving will. My hope is that they will see that serving the King of the Universe can happily be the most important part of their lives. My hope is that whenever trials come their way, students will have learned to rely on the truths and promises of the Bible, and that they will rest in the goodness and mercy of the Lord! My hope is that they will seek to love the Lord with all their heart, mind, and body... no matter what! Perhaps, they will then be willing to joyfully share these truths with millions of other human beings who are spiritually lost
- one person at a time!

It has been a fantastic year!
Thanks be to the Lord!
And... thanks to all of you!

From
The Class of 2009

