

Mrs. Vaught's Thoughts



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What Does a Good School Look Like?

I have been doing some research lately on the differences between the types of classroom that appeal to a boy's learning style and that which appeal to a girl. During this process, I came across a list of characteristics that are associated with good schools for both girls *and* boys*. As I read over the list below, I am impressed with the way that Williamsburg Christian Academy stacks up against these standards. Take a look:

- Smaller class sizes.
- Curriculum where almost all of the students take the same, mostly academic, courses.
- Personal social relations among students, teachers and administrators where schools function more as communities than bureaucracies.
- Authentic instruction...where students are encouraged and expected to become actively engaged in their own learning.
- A common willingness on the part of teachers to accept...a belief that all students can learn.

Every quality school has areas in which it can grow, and WCA is no exception. The administration, staff and board of directors continually plan and implement improvements in our program. But after I reflected on the list given in the research, I was reminded again of the excellence already present in our Christian school. Thank you for your prayers and investment in WCA!

*"Understanding Gender Differences that May Occur in Classroom Settings."

<http://library.adoption.com/articles>

November Dates to Know...

Nov. 6..... Noon Dismissal (AM/PM care is available until 6:00 as always)
Parent/Teacher Conferences, please call Mrs. Rowell in the office to schedule a time with teachers. (These are not required, but may be scheduled at the request of a parent or a teacher. (220-1978 ext 0)

Nov. 11.....Noon Dismissal (AM/PM care provided)

Nov. 12 & 13...School Closed (No AM/PM care) Please pray for the staff as they travel to Raleigh for the ACSI Educator's Conference. Several are presenting workshops and all are going to be taught how to better serve your children.

Nov. 19.....Science Fair for grades 5-8. Times will follow later.

Nov. 25.....Noon Dismissal for Thanksgiving

10:00-11:00 Thanksgiving assembly at WCA. We would love to have you join us. (There will be no PM care)

Nov. 26&27.....Thanksgiving Holiday!

May you and your families have a Thanksgiving which overflows with His blessings. "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."

I Chronicles 29: 11-13 KJV

In Him,

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