

# September Shenanigans



Two of my fourth graders, at the park

## Spring is in the Air!

Dear Praying Friends,

Last Saturday we welcomed spring in with our annual Spring Picnic that is put on for the Students of Strong Tower and their families. There was a good turn out and I enjoyed seeing many of my students, as well as meeting a few of their families.

It was a time filled with games and competition and, let me tell you, these people down here are competitive! There were two teams, the red team and the white team. Each of the grades was divided in half so that they could compete against each other in the different games. Laura Messerly and I were voted, by the teachers, to be the delegates for our respective teams. We weren't exactly sure what that job entailed, but we found out quickly on the day of the big event. Basically, we were the designated whiners for our teams. If anyone had any complaints about the points, they were only allowed to share them with Laura or myself. We, in turn, were supposed to bring the grievances before the directors of the program, and together we would decide what should be done. My team was losing for the majority of the day, which meant that I was pretttttt busy, running to the middle of the field, the bearer of complaints.

It was good to see the parents' participation though, and the team spirit deserved an award!

The picnic, along with being a lot of fun for everyone, was also an opportunity to share the gospel with all those in attendance. Pray that the families would be convicted of their sins and see a need for a Savior.

## In Shape

In 4<sup>th</sup> grade we have been working on a unit called "In Shape." We have been learning about things that are healthy and unhealthy. We wanted to spend a bit of time with our kiddos, outside of the school setting, so we invited all the 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls over to our house to bake a snack—fruit pizza (I'm not quite sure if that falls under the "healthy" or "unhealthy" category ;). Eight out of nine girls came, and while the crust was baking, Laura was able to give a little lesson about the fruits of the Spirit.

That same afternoon, we invited all of the 4<sup>th</sup> graders who wanted to come, to go to the park with us. There were probably about 20 students who showed up.

## Prayer Requests

- Gloria and her cancer
- Wisdom for planning for the future of the school
- A good testimony in the community
- Language learning

**Romans 8:38-39**

**For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**



A few of our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, showing off their stick puppets after finishing up a unit on occupations.

ever since then, many of our students have asked when we are going to the park again. We'll see, it may just become a Saturday afternoon tradition ☺

Your continual prayers for the work down here are appreciated. As it says in 1 Corinthians 15:58,

**"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."**

That labor includes your prayers. Know that the Lord hears them and answers them, and that it is an encouragement to me to know that there are believers praying for me.

Love in Him,  
Tina

P.s Here are a few pictures that I hope you enjoy ☺

