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#### Scripture of the Month

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Romans 14:12-13



Our Teacher of the Month for April are our fantastic parent partners!!

Congratulations; and thank you for all that you do!! This last quarter of the school year has been such a success in a large part because of you!!



## From Head of School, Jenny Addison

Happy May Day OCA,

We have officially been in distance learning for 5 weeks and we have 2 1/2 weeks left. None of us expected to end the 2019-2020 school year this way but we are so proud of our parents, students and teachers for the hard work that everyone has been doing during this unprecedented time in our country. I have been overseeing the preschool and elementary program and the teachers have been sharing wonderful stories and pictures with me from our families. I have enjoyed the stories written and recorded by our first graders, the skin study in second grade with pics drawn by the students, the state diorama projects from third grade, the writing projects in fourth grade detailing the steps to complete a task with videos sent in by the families, and the fun art and science projects completed by our preschool students. However, the best submissions have been the various Bible story retellings and projects by all the grades. We are so proud of all of



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### **Important Dates**

- May 4th-8th-Teacher Appreciation Week!!
- May 20- Last Day of School!!
- May 22- Textbook Drop-off/ Report Card, Yearbook, Awards Pick-up @ King!!

you and the hard work and diligence you have all shown during this time of distance learning. Thank you everyone!

I have been trying to spend extra time with God during this time of separation from the world and He has been reminding me of great truths in His Word. This was my focus verse this morning from Pastor Rick Warren's Daily Hope:

Romans 14:12-13 - Each of us will give an account of himself to God... Try to live in such a way that you will never make your brother stumble by letting him see you doing something that he thinks is wrong.

Everything we do influences someone else. Some decisions are good for you and also good for others. But sometimes it's tempting to make a decision that might be fine for you but would harm the people around you. That is why it is helpful to use the Influence Test when you are making decisions. You simply ask: Will this harm other people? Is it honoring to God?

The Influence Test is the opposite of what our culture encourages. Our culture teaches you to think of yourself only: What do you need? What do you want? But God expects you to think of people around you and follow His Word.

People are watching us all the time, whether we realize it or not. Our brothers and sisters are watching how we act and what we say. Our friends are watching how we act at school even when the teacher is not close by. We all have an influence on someone. While we are home with our families or when we get back to school, we all need to strive to be a good influence on those around us so that our choices will point them towards God and His plans for them.



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