



*Sapientia et Scientia*

## Samuel Fuller School

“...Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

Colossians 2:2b-3

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### Upcoming Events

**October 16 –  
Mid Term 1**

**October 18 –  
K-2<sup>nd</sup> Field Trip to Soule  
Homestead**

**October 25 –  
Noon Dismissal: Parent  
Teacher Conferences 4PM  
- 8PM**

**October 26 –  
No School: Professional  
Development Day**

**November 12 –  
No School: Veterans' Day  
Observed**

**November 20 –  
City State  
Day/Thanksgiving  
Celebration**



## *Monday Missive*

Reading is an integral part of a child's growth and development. But how do we find good books for our children? Hayley at RedeemedReader.com wrote an article which gives some helpful guidelines. Below is a shortened version of the article.

### *Learning to Find Good Books*

How do we find good books? We get this question often at Redeemed Reader. Many of you are on the hunt for books: to satisfy a voracious reader, interest an apathetic reader, find a new read aloud . . . the list goes on and on.

But how do we do it? And how can you do it?

Honestly, this is a question we struggle with. The more we've talked—and I've thought about it, there are some guidelines.

#### **1. Find Authors You Trust**

In the vast realm of books published each year, there are some authors we hunt out. Jeanne Birdsall is a perfect example. We loved *The Penderwicks* and each further book in the series proved to be a treasure.

Authors are human, and we recognize that authors can change. Some authors are rock-solid and nothing short of a cataclysmic earthquake would shake them. However, we recognize that some writers veer into new paths.

How does this apply to you? Start compiling a list of authors you like. If you like their work, find more of it. (This is especially pertinent when they are a new-to-you dead author.)

Use caution—sometimes a genre shift will bring completely different writing and themes. Again, this is true of both old and new authors.

**2. Teach your children to read wisely**—maybe even ahead of you. My daughter is a voracious bookworm and has read books ahead of me. She knows that sometimes they are not vetted, and there is an expectation that she will warn me if the book takes a turn in an unexpected direction. By trusting her, I am helping her learn to read with discernment.

#### **3. Identify Promising Signs/Warning Markers**

I spend a lot of time standing in front of the new releases in the children's section of our library. Often the first thing I will notice is a title, or an author. I unapologetically scrutinize book covers, and I watch for author blips—where some author is highlighted on the cover, recommending the story.

If an author I trust or enjoy recommends a book, I am much more likely to take it home.

Watch for awards and know which ones are flags.

#### **4. Build Your Book Knowledge**

I can just hear you asking: but how can I know all these things? How do you? Honestly, I know because for the past 6 years, I've read a ton of the posts on Redeemed Reader. (And I've spent countless hours reading and more hours than I care to think at the library!) I've listened to Betsy and Janie analyze ALA awards, and I know where our views on books can intersect or veer away from the ALA choices. I know which authors we love and which authors have lost our trust. I've also learned which authors can have themes we'd disagree with at RR. I've listened to you, our readers, and when you've liked a book and compared it to another, I've learned to pay attention. (And sometimes hunt out that book!)

This can all translate into your own life. We are here to help you, our readers, and equip you as you in turn equip your children. We want to shine truth and pursue excellence—encourage art—and ultimately, point you to Christ. Because it is through the gospel, and the gospel alone, that we can be Redeemed Readers.



## Announcements and News



### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress reports will be sent home at the end of this week. Please look over your child's progress reports and ask any questions of your child's teacher at next week's Parent Teacher Conferences.

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Attached to this newsletter is a form to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences on next **Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. On the form please list the teachers you would like to meet with and the time you are available on that day. Return this form by **Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** to the school office.

### **FLAG FOOTBALL**

Flag football club started up last week. This club will meet every Tuesday from 3 - 4:15pm until **November 20<sup>th</sup>**. If your child would like to participate, but has not yet signed up, please contact Mrs. Rivers. Cost is \$25 per child with discounts for multiple children.

### **K-2<sup>nd</sup> FIELD TRIP**

This **Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**, the Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades will visit the Soule Homestead in Middleboro. Permission slips were sent home last Friday. Please sign and return them by **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. This is always such a fun day for our younger students to meet many different animals.

### **BOX TOPS**

The first deadline for mailing in Box Tops is November 1<sup>st</sup>, and it is coming quickly! Don't forget to collect Box Tops and submit them to the school office. Every cent counts!