

*“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6*



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## Calendar of Events

<b>January</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>No School- MLK Day</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Progress reports</b>
	<b>11</b>	<b>Kindergarten Roundup 1:00 – 2:30</b>
	<b>11</b>	<b>Open House 6:00 – 8:00 pm</b>
	<b>17</b>	<b>No School- President’s Day</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter- Report Cards</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>No School – Teacher in Service</b>
	<b>16-20</b>	<b>No School- Spring Break</b>

**Tri-State Christian School**  
**Open House**  
 February 11th, 6:00-8:00pm  
 Informational meeting at 7:00



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Tri-State Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade News



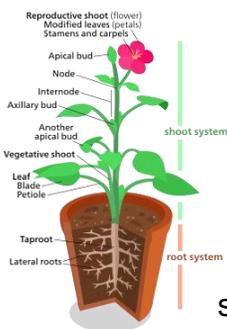
This first semester of first grade has flown by and has been filled with wonderful memories! Once a month the students meet with their third grade reading buddies for a time of reading and bonding. In November, Grandparents' Day was a special time of working on a craft, reading and spending time with their grandparents and even great grandparents.



Through Keystone AEA we had access to iPads for several weeks and the first graders enjoyed using them during Choice Time. In early December we joined with kindergarten for a mini-Christmas concert at Cozy Corner and the students enjoyed singing for the clients, sitting with them and chatting for a little while as they enjoyed a candy treat. I praise the Lord that we are a close-knit class that enjoys each other's company and our times of learning together. We are looking forward to all that the Lord has for us in the coming weeks as we seek to honor Him in our homes and at Tri-State Christian School.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Botany



The third graders enjoyed studying plants in science this semester! They started out by learning about the different parts of a plant cell. They were able to label the parts of a flower and identified the different steps for a plant to be pollinated. The students then took a closer look at the different parts of the plant and how God has designed each plant to survive in its habitat.

To wrap up our study on plants, the students researched a plant of their choice and shared what they learned with their classmates. They also had the opportunity to go to the Vosberg's farm where they enjoyed taking a tour of the farm. They were then able to plant seeds for them to take home and watch them as they grow. It has been so much fun for them to take care of their plants, watch the seeds take root, and grow in our classroom!



## Mrs. Hertz's Scientists

This year, Tri-State has been blessed to have Keystone AEA's services. We are able to borrow resources from Keystone such as books, classroom technology as well as media resources. The 7th and 8th grade Life Science class had the opportunity this quarter to use scientific microscopes. The students, as well as myself, were beyond excited to use them. The first couple of days we had the microscopes the students made sure that they understood how to use them. We focused on the different parts of the microscope, how to hold and transport the microscopes, as well as how to maneuver the microscopes and slides that we were planning on looking at. The students looked at a wide variety of slides under the microscope, ranging from plant cells to blood cells. We also made observations and drew the different cells that we looked at. On one of the later days that we had the microscopes, Mr. Steel and his Biology class combined with my Life Science class and the older students helped 7th and 8th graders look at onion cells. Overall, this was a great opportunity for my Life Science class. They not only enjoyed this activity but they learned a lot in the process.



## Drama

This past semester, the TSCS drama class hustled and bustled in a flurry of activity. The students used a variety of dramatic games to practice concepts like believable facial expressions, proper diction, and correct blocking. These concepts were reinforced when each student performed in a small group drama, culminating in both chapel and public performances. Our first drama, "Hashtag Wonderfully Made," was performed on Grandparents' Day and depicted a world of grammar characters that question their role in society but ultimately discover that God has uniquely gifted them all. Like us, they each function for a specifically designed purpose.



Our second drama group performed "About God" and brought the well-known children's prayer "God is great. God is good" to life. This seemingly simplistic prayer reminded us about who God is, and it displayed the goodness of His character in every circumstance.

Our final drama group performed "His Story" at the TSCS Christmas Concert on December 13th. This quirky drama displayed Christ's birth in a whole new way, focusing on why God chose to come to Earth at just the right moment. The drama class has worked tirelessly over these last few months, and we are excited about what the future holds here at TSCS for the spring semester!