

Hello Parents!

We are “settling in” to the new school year. I will be writing to you periodically on timely topics and educational issues.

I want to start off the year by thanking the wonderful teachers and staff that make this school exceptional. I wrote a poem for the teachers at the beginning of this year, and I want to share it with you. It describes the atmosphere and our attitudes at Ascension as we begin another school year.

A TRIBUTE TO ASCENSION TEACHERS and STAFF

Somewhere	but not here	Children wait
Somewhere	but not here	Children worry
Somewhere	but not here	Children drift
Somewhere	but not here	Children are confused
Somewhere	but not here	Children are lost
For here		Children gather to learn and play
Here		Children know, seek, wonder, discover
Here		Children are joyous
Here		Children have won

Have won knowledge and understanding
Have won mentors and role models
Have won the strength and self-worth that follows challenge
Have won the joys of learning
Have won a virtuous beginning to a fulfilled life
Have won a deeper understanding of their relationship with God

May it always be...this way...at Ascension Episcopal School

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I also wanted to share two really good parent websites for helping children of all ages. These websites are recommended by Rowland Reading Foundation, the creator of SuperKids, but would apply to students of all ages:

www.readingrockets.org/families

Great activities and ideas for building reading skills at home

www.pbs.org/parents/readinglanguage

Learn how children become readers and writers—and how parents can help by talking, reading, and writing together.

Hope you have a blessed week, and let's look forward to cooler weather!

Lucy