



Grace Covenant Academy
Developing eagerness and love for learning

Dear GCA families,

We are off to a great start at GCA! I loved seeing the smiles as kids came back to school after the long weekend. My husband and I recently have been given the privilege of fostering a 3 ½ year old little girl. Needless to say a long weekend with 2 toddlers proved to be quite exciting around our home. It also has kept discipline at the front of my mind even when I'm not at school. As parents, it doesn't really matter if it is Labor Day or not, our job doesn't stop! Teachers often spend the first few weeks reviewing concepts and basically getting the summer brains back in gear! The beginning of the year is also a time when we focus quite a bit on discipline. We've learned that by taking time to address behaviors and attitudes, we have to take less time later on therefore allowing more time for other instruction. Often times when people speak of discipline it is in a negative sense. However, we believe discipline is a tool God uses to bring about positive change. At GCA we place a high priority on discipline in the positive sense. Being able to bring kids to the truth of God's word and pray together is a privilege we don't take for granted. We want to take every opportunity to mold and shape the hearts of these children. We take time to teach and expect correct behaviors. These include: honoring God, being responsible, being respectful, and doing your best! We have found over the years that most every opportunity that presents itself can come back to one of these expectations. Our hope is that by taking time to talk and truly discipline our children, we are training their hearts to make right choices. As we partner this year may we continually "invest in truth and wisdom, discipline and good sense [and we will not part with them]". Proverbs 23:23

Honored to partner with your family,

Kim Goodwin