

SLOCS NEWSLETTER

**Let Your Light Shine Before Men because.....
You Might Be The Only Bible Someone Will Read!**

by Jonell Griffith

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inadequacies, brought about questions as to whether my actions spoke truth to what I believe, or even if anyone saw a glimpse of Jesus in me. Once I got over the initial shock of wondering how people might perceive my actions, God reminded me of the modern-day version of a childhood song sung by Addison Road, This Little Light Of Mine. This song is a reminder to not let go of the fire burning inside of us for our hope in Jesus.

If we can shine our lights by letting others see a glimpse of Jesus through our actions or our words long enough for them to want to seek Him, maybe then they will be able to understand the desires of His heart, His mercy and His grace. Then they will want to read the Bible that they see in us. Jesus is the key in keeping both Mrs. Law Nolte’s poem and being the only Bible someone will read. Without Him we are doomed to fail!

It is my prayer that in 2012 we might be a school that partners together with you to train our students, your children, to be lights for Jesus in this world of darkness.

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Educators love books! I purchase books, not only for myself, but as gifts. This year for Christmas I bought my nephew God Guy by Michael DiMarco. While looking over the book the phrase that struck me like a lightning bolt was “YOU MIGHT BE THE ONLY BIBLE SOMEONE WILL READ”! WOW!

I am sure most of you have read the poem A Child Learns What He Lives by Dorothy Law Nolte. To paraphrase, if you live with criticism, hostility, ridicule, and shame, you learn to condemn, fight, feel shy and guilty; but if you live with tolerance, praise, fairness, security and friendliness, you learn to be patient, appreciated, justified, have faith in oneself, and that the world is a nicer place. It is a great foundation for a philosophy on how to raise children.

Unlike the poem A Child Learns What He Lives with its “no brainer” common sense approach, the simple quote “You might be the only Bible someone will read” brought about an overwhelming sense of inadequacy for me. My

SLOCS WINTER - SPRING CALENDAR

January 3rd - School Resumes
 January 13th - PJ Day
 January 16th - M.L. King Jr. B-Day Observed
 January 18th/20th - 3rd/4th Grade Sacramento Trip
 January 27th - CalPoly Learn by Doing Field Trip
 January 28th - Applebees Breakfast Fundraiser
 February 3rd - Speech Meet
 February 8th - Hundredth Day of School
 February 14th - Red & White Day
 February 17th/20th - Presidents Day Observed
 March 1st - Second Quarter Report Card Period Ends
 March 2nd - Teacher In-Service Day

March 5th/9th - 2012-2013 Registration Week
 - 5th & 6th Grade Field Trip
 March 13th/15th - Report Card Conferences
 March 24th - Open House
 April 2nd - Crazy Hair Day
 April 6th/15th - Easter Break - NO SCHOOL
 April 30th/May 4th - SAT Testing
 May 7th/11th - Staff Appreciation Week
 May 10th - Science Fair/Open House
 May 24th - Lit-To-Life
 June 1st - Field Day
 June 8th - Graduation & Last Day of School