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BACK TO SCHOOL

WELL, I FEEL AS THOUGH I HAVE GONE BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL. DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND YOU KEPT SAYING "I'M NEVER GOING TO USE THIS STUFF!"

MUNGAI AND DENNIS HAVE STARTED HIGH SCHOOL USING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM. HAVING BEEN ON THE KENYAN SYSTEM FOR ALL OF THEIR SCHOOLING IT IS QUITE A CHANGE FOR THEM TO MOVE TO THE AMERICAN SYSTEM. THERE IS *A LOT* OF READING AND WRITING WHICH THEY ARE NOT USED TO. WHEN THEY FIRST SAW THE SIZE OF THEIR TEXTBOOKS THEY WERE A BIT SHOCKED. AFTER ABOUT A MONTH THEY ARE SLOWLY ADJUSTING. AND ME...I'VE ACTUALLY BEEN ABLE TO ANSWER SOME MATH AND SCIENCE QUESTIONS WHICH IS *DEFINITELY* NOT MY AREA OF STRENGTH. AT THE MOMENT THEY ARE WORKING ON THEIR FRIST LITERATURE PROJECT. THEY HAVE TO WRITE AN ANALYSIS ON ONE OF THE STORIES THEY HAVE READ THIS TERM. THIS ANALYSIS MUST INCLUDE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PLOT, CONFLICT, EXPOSITION, INCITING ACTION, RISING ACTION, CLIMAX, FALLING ACTION AND RESOLUTION. IT MUST ALSO INCLUDE A CHARACTER ANALYSIS OF THE ANTAGONIST AND PROTAGONIST. THEY ARE VERY OVERWHELMED.

FORTUNATELY, THEY HAVE SOMEONE WHO ABSOLUTELY *LOVES* LITERATURE AND WRITING TO HELP THEM OUT AND I AM DETERMINED TO HELP THEM PASS THIS COURSE.

WE HAVE 5 BOYS WHO ARE HOMESCHOOLING THIS TERM. IN ADDITION TO HELPING



DENNIS AND MUNGAI AND SERVING AS THEIR PROCTOR I AM HELPING DAN WITH ENGLISH, WHICH IS AN AREA OF WEAKNESS FOR HIM. SO WE MEET EVERY DAY AND FOCUS ON HIS READING AND WRITING. DAN ALSO COMES TO REHEMA ON FRIDAYS FOR MY PERFORMING ARTS CLASS. HE TOLD ME THIS WEEK THAT IT WAS HIS FAVORITE PART OF THE WEEK. THAT CERTAINLY PUTS A SMILE ON MY FACE.

THE REST OF THE BOYS SEEM TO BE ENJOYING THEIR NEW SCHOOL. THEY LOOK VERY HANDSOME IN THEIR NEW UNIFORMS EACH MORNING AS THEY HEAD OUT. EVERYONE HAS HAD A LOT OF ADJUSTING TO DO THIS TERM BUT HEY ARE DOING WELL .

QUOTES

BIBLE CLUB... SAMMY

" If we pray for them do we get candy? "

SUNDAY SCHOOL... AUSTIN

" Love is when you like someone and God likes them too. "

AGE... DENNIS

" You need to have children. If you get to 40 and you don't have children then you've expired. "

FITNESS... CLAPATON

" I heard that you went running with Mim and you started crying. "





MUSIC
AROUND THE WORLD

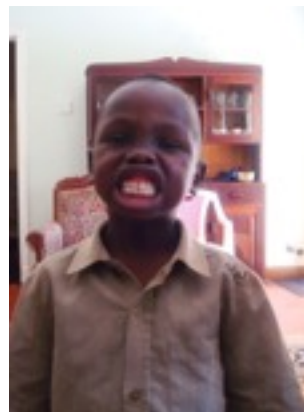
AT REHEMA THIS TERM WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD. EACH CLASS WILL FOCUS ON A DIFFERENT COUNTRY AND PREPARE A MUSICAL PRESENTATION TO BE PERFORMED ON THE LAST DAY. FOR OUR ART PROJECTS WE WILL BE WORKING ON PROPS AND OTHER THINGS THAT WILL BE USED IN EACH PERFORMANCE. I'VE GOT SOME LIVELY KIDS THIS TERM. I'M HOPING I CAN GET THEM TO PUT ALL THAT ENERGY INTO SOME GREAT PERFORMANCES.

BIBLE CLUB

IN BIBLE CLUB THIS TERM WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE NEW YEAR AND HOW WE CAN CHALLENGE OURSELVES TO BECOME A NEW AND IMPROVED VERSION OF OUR SELF. MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE WANT GOD TO CHANGE OUR HEARTS THIS YEAR AND GIVE US A NEW HEART AND REFRESH OUR SPIRITS. HENCE OUR THEME FOR THE TERM "NEW YEAR, NEW ME".

WE ALSO PICKED NEW PRAYING PARTNERS FOR THE TERM. AS I WAS ASSIGNING PARTNERS AND REITERATING THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER, SAMMY RAISED HIS HAND AND SAID "IF WE PRAY FOR THEM DO WE GET CANDY?" ...PERHAPS WE NEED TO REVIEW THE REASONS WHY WE SHOULD TAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER....

THE BOYS CONTINUE TO GROW HOWEVER, AND I REALLY ENJOY SPENDING FRIDAY AFTERNOONS WITH THEM.



IT PAYS TO MEMORIZE...

EACH WEEK THE BOYS RECEIVE A MEMORY VERSE TO LEARN. WE DECIDED TO HAVE A REWARD FOR THOSE WHO FAITHFULLY LEARN THE VERSE EACH WEEK. FOR THE PAST 15

WEEKS I HAVE BEEN SECRETLY RECORDING THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO SAY THEIR VERSE EVERY SUNDAY. THOSE WHO GOT A PERFECT SCORE GOT A SPECIAL REWARD THE BOYS WHO HAD MISSED ONE VERSE GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN IT SO THEY COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE REWARD AS WELL. THE RESULT: 6 OF THE BOYS GET TO GO ON A SPECIAL CAMPING TRIP THIS TERM AND THEY ARE VERY EXCITED.

JANUARY IS OFF TO A BUSY START. I KNOW GOD HAS SOME WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES SURPRISES AND LESSONS IN STORE THIS YEAR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT. CONTINUE TO KEEP THE BOYS IN YOUR PRAYERS. GOD BLESS!

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