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*"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary."*  
Galatians 6:9

## From the Desk of Dr. Wrobbel

Are you looking for a way for your child to have fun but learn at the same time? I have a great suggestion—play a board game. For example, Candy Land, might be one of the best educational tools for early childhood using visions of sweet treats to disguise lessons in color recognition and counting. Chutes and Ladders is great at exposing children to the concepts of numbers and instilling early math skills. Uno is another great game to teach number and color recognition as well as sorting skills and strategic thinking. Another great thing about playing board games is enjoying time together as a family. Basically, any game that requires children to count and move a game piece at the same time is good for developing one-to-one correspondence while counting. There are also many excellent games for teaching word and vocabulary skills. Some fun family games include; Trouble, Yahtzee, Racko and Apples to Apples for the younger students and Monopoly, Rummikub, and Scrabble for the older students. But perhaps the key skill that board games help to develop is social skills. Whether it is waiting for your turn, dealing with disappointment, or thinking ahead, board games are great at learning how to deal with, and hopefully, get along with others. So unplug the Wii tonight and dust off a great board game and have some fun together. In fact, make it a weekly or monthly habit.

## Vision 2020 Highlights

Thank you to the many parents who joined us for the Vision 2020 meeting last week. If you were unable to attend, the following is a synopsis of the goals the Board has for the next ten years:

- Permanent home for the school
- Complete self-sufficiency in terms of funding operations, facilities and programs
- Launching of a high school program starting with grade 9 in the 2012-13 school year
- Attain accreditation with both Association of Christian Schools International and North Central Association
- Launch an annual summer program
- Extend the National Institute for Learning Development (NILD) program to area professionals and schools
- Sustain and enhance curricular programs such as music, athletics, art and Spanish

We are pleased by the positive feedback we have received so far regarding the information presented. If you have questions or comments, please contact Dr. Wrobbel.

## Re-enrollment Packets

Registration materials for the 2010-11 school year were sent home last week in Tyveks. If for some reason you did not receive yours, please contact the office. Forms are due back no later than 2/26.

## Last Call for Judges

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to see our young scientists in action! We are in need of more judges ASAP for our Science Fair on 3/9 to be a success. Remember, judging will be done in pairs with detailed guidelines. You do not need to have a scientific background to volunteer. Call Laura at the school office to sign up.

