

"Blessed are the Peacemakers" by Katie Mansfield, Art Teacher at HPCA



"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also... You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies."
Matthew 5:38-39, 43-44a

In January, Langhorne Presbyterian Church took a "Peace-Making Offering" for Hunting Park Christian Academy. In response to this offering our art classes discussed and created art that portrays peace instead of violence.

We first studied the prevalence of violence in action movies, video games, television shows, and in our neighborhoods. Together as a class, we discussed ways to respond peacefully in difficult situations. We talked about Jesus and how His whole life was a Way of Peace. Even to the cross, Jesus remained peaceful.

When I asked students why we should be peaceful, they responded that it was what Jesus said to do...we are supposed to love each other.



Congratulations Award Recipients!

On Wednesday, February 3rd, honor roll and diligence awards were given to students in first through eighth grades. To the right, some of our recipients shared their thoughts on why doing their best in school is important.

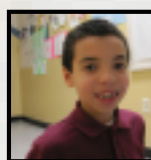


Honor Role and Diligence Award Stats:

- 28 students made honor roll, earning all A's and no more than 2 B's and showing good effort and behavior.
- 22 students earned the diligence award by showing excellent effort in all subjects.

Isaiah, 1st Grade

"I like to learn a lot. I like to learn about adding vowel sounds in words. It's important to do all our classwork and homework. If we don't try hard, we won't make it to second grade."

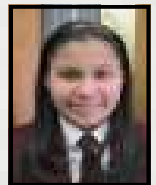


Geno, 3rd Grade

"It's important to get good grades. It's fun to learn new things everyday that you didn't know before about math, English, and science."

Isamar, 6th Grade

"I told myself the I was going to try to get all straight A's this year. I haven't gotten honor roll a lot and wanted to try hard to get it for all four quarters."



Kayla, 8th Grade

"School helps you get where you need to be in life. I want to go to college and have a career so that I could do something that I like to do, like be a doctor. It's important to focus and not procrastinate."