

## Grade 5 Chapel Prayers, 27 May 2020

I have been a student at Grace for 7 years. I started in pre-k. All of the time I felt loved and welcome. Grace taught me how to be a good leader and in 5th grade I ran for Student Council Secretary against a lot of classmates and I won. From the first day that I went through Mrs. Morrison's pre-k doors to going on an overnight with Mr. L's 5th grade class to Echo Hill, I can't tell you how much Grace means to me. When I first came here from my old school, I was excited and I joined right in. I learned how to treat people kindly and I learned to share. I have made some good friends and I am going to miss this school. I hope this school never changes.

Dear Lord, I came to Grace when I was in Kindergarten. I can't remember ever feeling like a 'new kid.' As soon as I came into the classroom it was like I had been there my whole life. Everyone was so welcoming and kind. I've made a lot of friends in my time at Grace. I have so many memories with them, both good, and not so good. I'll always remember going to Echo Hill, singing my first solo at Christmas chapel, and running around on the playground at recess. I am thankful for the teachers for giving me the best education possible. They were so kind and helpful. I am also thankful to my parents. Without them, I would never have come to this wonderful place. I am sure that I will always remember my years at Grace as a happy time in my life.

Dear Lord, I have been at Grace for 2 years now, and I love it. I am so blessed to be in this school. I was nervous about meeting everybody because I thought they wouldn't like me. Actually they were a very welcoming community. In the 2 years I have been at Grace I experienced Mrs. Scott's surprise birthday party and Echo Hill. All of those things will be remembered for the rest of my life. My classmates were probably the funniest class I ever had in my 11 years of being on this planet. Mr. L is a very kind and loving teacher. Grace has been one of the best experiences of my life.

Dear God, I started going to Grace in 3rd grade. I have not been going here for a long time but I have made a lot of friends during my short time here. All it took was introducing myself and I made a friend. The Grace community is like a second home to me. Grace was the first school I ever stayed at for 3 years. I moved schools a lot and I was happy that I found a school that felt like a family.

Dear God, When I was in Kindergarten, I left my old school, and went to Grace. I was very shy as I walked in the building, thinking "*what if they don't like me*"? When I walked into the classroom, though, everything changed. Everyone was so nice, and I quickly made new friends. Over the years, I had so many good teachers, it was impossible to

decide who was my favorite. I really didn't like the idea of huge schools with hundreds of kids. At first, I thought Grace would be like that, but boy, was I wrong. I knew not just everyone in my class, but in the whole school as well. Even though this is my last year at Grace, I intend to keep the warm feeling Grace has given me for many years to come.

Dear Lord, When I started at Grace in 4th grade, I was nervous, scared, and kinda bummed out. I was bummed out because my old school was the best school I had ever gone to. After a few weeks, I realized that Grace was much better in so many ways, but friendship is the thing that makes me not want to leave. The teachers are phenomenal, because they are always so accepting and they give you a second chance. I hope Grace will grow into an even more loving community.

Dear God, I have a lot to say to Grace. I've been at Grace since preschool, the first time I walked into Grace I knew I would stay there forever. I've had lots of accomplishments and even failures during my time here, but Grace has taught me one thing, and that is to always keep trying. From competitive car rides, to little goats ramming into me, even to me getting hit in the face with a hockey stick. (Don't worry, it was foam, nothing to worry about.) I think that in second grade it started to click for me. I got more adventurous. I started to make more friends, I wouldn't be the person I am today without my second grade teacher. To me looking back on all those years I feel like a veteran, and it feels great. I hope that Grace keeps its traditions, and I wish good luck upon the 4th grade for next year!

*Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayers*