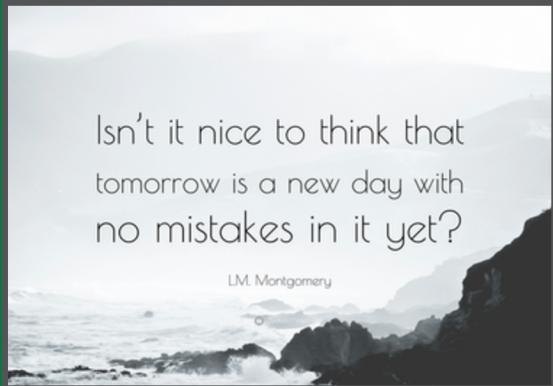


# Eagle Eye News

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## United We Soar!



### CALENDAR

#### January

9 Friday Pizza

12-15 Winter MAP Assessment

15 Parent Meeting re: TEFA, 6pm

rsvp at [www.excel-tx.org](http://www.excel-tx.org)

16 Noon Dismissal (no pizza, no ASC)

19 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

23 Noon Dismissal (no pizza, no ASC)



### A Message From The Principal:

*Lamentations 3:22-23 – Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning.*

Tuesday marked the beginning of a new semester—a fresh opportunity to grow, learn, and begin again. New semesters remind us that God is a God of new beginnings. No matter how the last term ended, today we are given a clean slate filled with possibility, purpose, and hope.

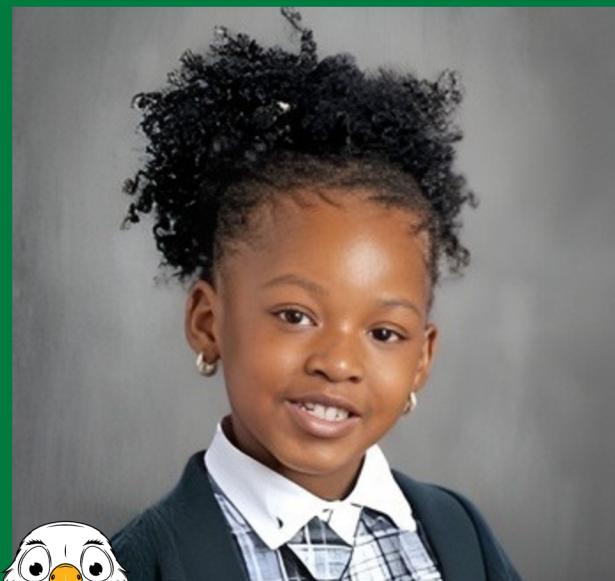
As we start this semester, our focus is not just on academic progress, but on continued growth in character, faith, and confidence. Each day ahead is a chance to practice kindness, perseverance, and gratitude while strengthening our relationship with God and one another. Let us move forward together with renewed energy and trust in God's guidance. May this semester be one where our students feel supported, challenged, and deeply valued—knowing that with God, every new beginning holds promise.

Blessings,  
Ms. Ellis



2026  
NEW YEAR  
SAME GOD

# Meet our EXCELent Eagles!



**Sariyah**  
**PreK**



## Things I like to do:

**Q: Which Bible character do you admire?**

**A:** Moses, because Pharaoh underestimated him but in the end, he proved that God is most powerful.

**Q: Do you have a hidden talent?**

**A:** Yes, I draw comics that are mostly Christian.

**Q: Would you rather go to school all year and have one week off per month or go to school every day and have summer off?**

**A:** I'd rather go to school all year and have one week off per month.



**Elijah**  
**8<sup>th</sup> grade**



# Storytime



## Why We're Here

"Hey, Caleb!" Josh shouted when they got off the bus. "I almost forgot! Tomorrow I'm going to Planet Pizza, and I was wondering if you—"

"I'd love to go!" Caleb started running toward his house before Josh could finish his sentence. "I'll ask my mom!"

That night, Caleb asked his mom about going to Planet Pizza with Josh. "Of course you can go," said Mom. "I just spoke with Josh's dad, and I'm glad you want to help."

Help? thought Caleb. I'll always help eat pizza!

The next day, a long line of people waited outside Planet Pizza. "Whoa!" said Caleb. "I hope we get a table. I'm starving!"

Josh gave Caleb a funny look. "Not like they are," he said. "Follow me."

They walked to the front of the line. "Hi, Josh!" said the man at the door. "Who's your friend?"

"Hey, Pastor Eric. This is Caleb. He came to help serve lunch."

"Help serve?" Caleb was confused. "I thought we came to eat!"

"We will." Josh handed Caleb a pair of gloves. "After everyone else is served first." Josh ran to the table of pizzas. "Our church is buying pizza and passing it out as part of our food drive this month. It's why we're here!"

"You mean we don't get to eat pizza until after we're done serving everyone else?"

Josh handed Caleb a stack of plates. "I think you'll make it."

Soon Pastor Eric let in the line of people, and Caleb and Josh helped serve slices of pizza to everyone who came in.

"My name's Tommy," one boy said. "I've never had pizza here before. Is it good?"

"Good?" exclaimed Caleb. "It's the best! Here, (veggie) sausage is my favorite."

After everyone was served, Pastor Eric prayed for the meal. "Dear God, thank you for this pizza and for every person here, and thank you for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die for us. Help us see the ways we can serve those around us and show others Your love. Amen."

Caleb lifted his head just as Tommy took his first bite. "This pizza is the best!" he said.

Caleb smiled and slid his own piece of pizza across the table. "Here, Tommy. You can have mine too."

"Really?" asked Tommy.

"Really," said Caleb. "It's why I'm here."

-Kelly Carlson

### **How about you?**

Do you serve others? Or do you always put your own needs before everyone else's? Even though He's Creator of the universe, Jesus came to earth to serve and give His life for us. Ask Him to help you see the ways you can serve others and show them His love. Today, find at least one person who could use your help and serve them before you serve yourself.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.  
Mark 10:45



Yvonia - 1/1  
Ihechi - 1/4  
Khayden - 1/17  
Samuella - 1/24  
Samuel - 1/30  
Elijah - 1/30  
Deborah - 1/30



## RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

I am easy to lift but hard to throw.  
What am I?



Answer: A feather!