

January 3, 2021

Parents of grow 252 students,

We originally planned to begin a weekly meeting of grow 252 beginning January 6, 2021, but we have altered our plans and will NOT be meeting this week. Instead, we are resuming a modified grow 252 schedule and will meet only once a month on the third Wednesday from 6:30 – 7:45.

Here are some of our thoughts behind why we are modifying the schedule. We met as a staff and considered pros and cons to the changes.

- 1. We value greatly the opportunity to partner with you as parents and invest in your children's spiritual welfare. This is not a responsibility we take lightly. Pausing our regular grow 252 meetings for last fall has left some gaps in our plan for what we desire to cover the six years that children are with us in the program. You are doing a great job to train and instruct your children in the ways of the Lord and we want to faithfully walk alongside you in this journey. We are seeking the balance to be faithful to you and your children and also not overwhelm you with too many activities at this time.*
- 2. We have been blessed and protected from major outbreaks of the virus at Grand for which we praise God and recognize His sovereign protection. At the same time, we recognize that a new strain may arise and affect our gathering so we consider it prudent to not introduce too many weekly meetings to schedules at this time.*
- 3. It is not our desire to add to the stress level of parents by crowding schedules with meetings on a consistent basis. Some of our parents have begun homeschooling this year and added new routines to their week. Most parents we spoke with were happy to not add another activity to that routine. On the other hand, most of the kids were eager to start again!*
- 4. Winter is a difficult time to introduce a new weekly routine. Recognizing this, we thought it might be better to begin once a month meetings. This allows us to slowly introduce grow 252 again and hopefully prepare us for a "normal" schedule in the fall of 2021.*
- 4. We had scheduled to begin a curriculum emphasizing the Beatitudes. It would have been difficult to double up lessons and complete this study in one semester instead of two. By waiting to begin this next fall, we will be able to cover this emphasis with greater clarity.*
- 5. We have discovered a curriculum called Faith Over Fear that can be completed in 5 sessions and offers timely teaching to the children.*

God has raised up a staff that is eager and ready to begin on January 20th. We will meet from 6:30 – 7:45 at Grand. Below is the schedule and explanation of the new semester.

*For the Next Generations,
grow 252 staff*

grow 252 - Winter/Spring 2021

Staff:

Large Group Bible Teacher: Debbie Martens
Younger Group Teachers: Dean and Dianne Jensen
(Stacy Felkins and Jenny Schumacher – substitutes)
Middle Group Teachers: Luke and Becca Jensen
Older Group Teachers: Luke Call and Kendra Meyers

Weekly Schedule:

6:30 – 6:50 Opening Games and Bible Drills

6:50– 7:00 Transition and Songs

7:00 – 7:25 Large Group Lesson

7:25 - 7:45 Small Group Application

grow 252 - 2021 – Faith Over Fear

Date	Lesson
January 20	Faith Over Fear – Defining faith from Hebrews 11:1
February 17	Walk This Way: Enoch – Walking with God takes faith
March 17	Moving Day: Abraham – God is always in control
April 21	Rock-a-Bye Baby: Moses – God is a refuge for His people
May 19	And What More Shall I say? – The stories of those in the Old Testament who waited by faith- Jesus fulfills all God's promises

Children are encouraged to memorize the Overall Theme Verse and Challenge Verses for each month. They can recite these to their teachers and receive a prize.

Overall Theme Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:1

Month 1 Challenge Verse: Romans 10:17

Month 2 Challenge Verse: Hebrews 11:6

Month 3 Challenge Verse: Deuteronomy 7:9

Month 4 Challenge Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9

Month 5 Challenge Verse: Hebrews 12:2