

**Principal's Letter October 21, 2009**

Dear Parents,

There are twelve Gardens of Stewardship that we are working on this year in family groups, as our mission statement calls us to encourage service. Last month we talked about citizenship and decided that God's family is the most important community to which we belong. The focus for October is the Garden of the Mind. What do we do in our daily lives that we have to use our minds for? The question was asked, "Do we use our minds as a gift from God?" This is the prayer that was used to emphasize how we choose to use our minds in a positive way.

**How can you be kind to your fellow students?**

I decide to.

**How can you use your mind to learn?**

I decide to.

**How can you keep trying even when it's hard?**

I decide to.

**How can you help people who don't help themselves?**

I decide to.

**How can you keep praying even when you don't seem to get what you want?**

I decide to.

**How can you believe in a heaven you can't see?**

I decide to.

**If I asked God why he loves me, what would he say.**

I decide to.

**Amen.**

Enjoy the long weekend,

*Sheila*