Christian Curriculum Corner

Addressing the Mess!

## Fruit of the Spirit Focus: Gentleness

This month's reflection on gentleness, below, is an excerpt taken from a devotion written by Rev. Peter Hoytema for the *Today* devotional. The read the rest, please click <u>HERE</u>.

In the Bible the word for "gentle" is sometimes translated as "meek". Being meek is probably not something most people aspire to. In our way of thinking, meekness not only sounds like weakness; the two words mean virtually the same thing. But true gentleness resembles strength more than weakness.

Gentle people have the potential to be rude or proud, but they deliberately decided not to behave that way. They have intentionally chosen gentleness. That actually takes more strength than it does to treat others harshly. Unleashing our anger is usually easier than restraining ourselves. So meekness is hardly weakness. A decision not to retaliate may look like inaction, but it's actually humility at work. What appears to be a lack of assertiveness is robust spiritual action.

## **Biblical Throughlines**

Over the last several years we have been studying the **Biblical Throughlines** that our school practices. Although our theme does not focus on the Throughlines this year, it doesn't mean that they aren't happening in our classrooms! If you would like to re-familiarize yourself with

Throughlines, please feel free to use the family devotional that we created several years ago by clicking on the link below!





Please come and join us for our April all school chapel! The grade 3 & 8s will be presenting what they have learned about gentleness on **Friday**, **April 20th at 11 am**.