

Pray for Betsy at ESD

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Dear Readers ☺

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The new school year doesn't feel so "new" any more. We are 6 weeks into it and have all settled into our schedules. It's a different schedule with each of us taking 2 main subjects and teaching them to each of the three groups of students. I have gotten Language Arts and Science.

I am loving my classes for the most part. The beginning of the semester found me floundering with having my head about me with the groups switching from 7 year olds to 17 year olds at 9:30 a.m. But, I have a theme for science (Astronomy) and it's working out at all levels. And each of the groups has its own unique needs in language development – from learning how to think and compose a coherent essay to learning how to make a sentence from a noun + verb to the youngest who are simply learning words and helping me to build sentence using them.

Bazooka continues to be puppy though he has mastered many of the skills I want him to master. He is in the beginning to be possessive and bark a lot stage so I have my little water sprayer handy at all times. He does not like the water sprayer ☺ I do. Today was WEIGH day and he is 112 ½ pounds. I think he needs to eat more and gain more. He is still growing UP. Soon he should begin to fill out his frame.

Yesterday, I had a cold. Maybe I still have some of it. God, in His omniscient mercy, had our 2 youngest students NOT come yesterday. At 12:11, I left the dining room, outlined the afternoon classes in my classroom and left. I found a couch between two fans and put myself on it. I woke at 1:30 and drank some orange Tang, used the washroom and went back to sleep. At 2:30ish I repeated the previous events and also found a blanket as I was shivering. (The room had to be 90 degrees Fahrenheit but there was a wind chill factor from the fans.) By 5:30 I was awake but groggy so I stayed in. Went to bed without any medication at 10ish and SLEPT through until my alarm woke me. (Which is remarkable because I normally have been waking around 4 a.m. and spending an hour in bed trying to return to sleep.)

Today was a very good day. I left at 2 p.m. to sign some bank papers and Stef again covered my class for the last part of the day. Which is my favorite part – devotions with the boys!

For fun these days, I am playing the cello. I have some double stop music I am working on... slowly. Most of my playing is by ear (not by written music) so when I try to enter into the exercise books and written music, I falter. I need to develop more discipline in it if I am ever gonna read music and play what is there... but maybe I won't need that skill?

For more info about anything, read my blog (address below) or find me on facebook or CALL ME!!

Hugs and prayers,

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