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Faith in a Happy Ever After

With another military move looming next summer, home is the topic on my mind this year. Whoever first compared a woman's brain to spaghetti was spot on. Where did the idea for this particular devotion come from? I was watching *The Lego Movie: The Second Part* with my boys which reminded me of a book by Virginia Lee Burton, *The Little House*. I suddenly realized that I often feel like the little country house from Burton's book. Although I am still relatively young, I often feel like society and even church culture has grown up around me much like a city overtaking a rural farming community. I am the antiquated one that is uncomfortable and overlooked and from a by-gone era.

One of Satan's favorite lies to whisper into my ear is that I am alone. Scripture, however, is filled with promise after repeated promise that God's children are not alone. He will never leave us (Deuteronomy 31:6). The Holy Spirit is our Comforter (John 14:16). As homeschoolers, we can become very isolated as we work so hard within our own family units. Society can and does label us as weird or old-fashioned. This academic year, my prayer is that you and I don't listen to those lies of isolation and the labels of those who don't understand our motivations. Hold fast to the Comforter and ask the Heavenly Father for endurance, patience, and satisfaction in your homeschooling journey. May He bring you into fellowship with those that can uphold you in your endeavors as a parent and educator. After all, Burton's little house was lovingly restored and returned to the countryside it treasured "and all was quiet and peaceful in the country." Despite the rough days, there can be a happy ever after with God's help.

~Ainsley Groen, Communications Administrative Assistant



Upcoming Events

December 31

End of 2nd Quarter

January 3

Regular mid-year registration opens online

January 15

Deadline for submitting 2nd quarter reports.

Important Reminder

We are unable to process your application until all of the application steps have been completed and all of the registration records have been received. After review of your application, a confirmation letter of the student's acceptance will be emailed. Please review the published timeline in the handbook for an expected date of confirmation [HERE](#).

Holiday Note

To our HCCA family,

We are blessed to serve you at High Country Christian Academy and want to wish you a happy Thanksgiving and a very merry Christmas! May you enjoy this holiday time with the ones you hold dear and find peace and rest in your Heavenly Father.

In Christ,
Jennifer and Ainsley

Holiday Closures

The Academy staff will be enjoying Thanksgiving with their families November 23-30. Christmas break will be observed Dec 16-Jan 5. We will not be returning emails or calls during that time.

More Important News

Quarterly Reports

Please remember to fill out your 2nd Quarter Reports in your parent portal by January 15. Grades are required on the 2nd Quarter Report!

HCHE Graduation Ceremony

Please note the date for graduation is now May 2, 2020! Please visit the [Support Group's Graduation](#) page for updated information.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Filing for the FAFSA opened October 1. Click [HERE](#) for advice on how to complete the FAFSA. For an overview of what types of aid are available, click [HERE](#).



In the High Country Community

Enrichment Classes

Looking ahead, call-in for Spring 2020 registration appointments begins November 15.

- **November 15** Leadership
- **November 18-20** Support Group members and current HCEC families.

Support Group

It's not too late to join the High Country Support Group! Cost is \$50 for the entire school year, June 1-May 31. Membership may include fellowship opportunities such as field trips, roller skating parties, ski trips, Immerse teen activities, Jr. /Sr. Prom alternative, weekly morning Mom's Group and much more! Visit the Support Group online [HERE](#)!

Cook Book



Breadless Egg Casserole

1 lb. Italian sausage (or breakfast meat of choice)
8 eggs, beaten
8 oz. Monterey Jack cheese
8 oz. cheddar cheese

½ C. flour (or GF substitute)
1 tsp. baking powder
4 oz. green chiles (or other veggies)
2 C. cottage cheese

Brown meat and mix with all remaining ingredients. Place in greased, 9x13-inch casserole dish and bake for 45 minutes at 350°. *This is a great holiday favorite because it doesn't have to sit overnight, can be easily modified to be GF, and has endless possibilities for mix-ins (we like left-over ham with onions and bell peppers).

Book Nook

Looking for a happy ending, then take a look at Virginia Lee Burton's *The Little House*. This delightful picture book is great for all ages. Little ones will enjoy the story of the house and the colorful, detailed illustrations of life in the 1930-40s. Older children and adults will understand the deeper themes of growing older, feeling out of place, and a world that changes. In a story that appears to be heading towards a depressing ending, Burton resolves the tale with a happy conclusion that all can appreciate. If you have time, check out some more Burton favorites like *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* and *Katy and the Big Snow*.

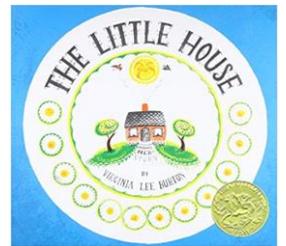


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*Please remember these are general recommendations. Only you know what is appropriate for your readers.

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