

Coffee and Conversation

Are you interested in **Coffee and Conversation** but not sure what it is all about? Please check out Meg's thoughts after their gathering on April 3, 2019. The next opportunity for **Coffee and Conversation** will be **May 1** at 8:30. Mrs. Brown and Miss O will be available to share.

Today in Coffee and Conversation it was extra sweet to have Mrs. Sytsma and Mrs. Bailly there to discuss the transition from 1st to 2nd grade. They talked a lot about reading and math and the fact that kids' levels of readiness vary. They were reassuring and encouraging. Their genuine care for their students is evident. As a mom of students currently in Kindergarten and Pre-K, it was a treat for me to sit back and witness their willingness to meet with moms, to listen and to answer to specific topics, and for me to know that these women, this curriculum, these grades and all of the studies that they entail are admirable and will be blessing my family in the immediate years to come. Thank you, Mrs. Sytsma and Mrs. Bailly, for sharing yourselves with us. Thank you for speaking to the fact that God plans each year, and that you return willingly to carry out what He has for us. Thank you to whomever covered their classrooms. And thank you to the moms who come to Coffee and Conversation. I look forward to the first Wednesday of the month, thanks to you ladies. I want to remind everyone, parents, grandparents, and family members, that all are welcome to join at any time.

We ended our time together talking about kids and safety and emphasizing the importance of prayer and placing our trust in an almighty God. Applying the minds God has given us with which we work hard to make wise, intentional parenting choices while ultimately placing all our trust in the Savior who we know carries us, can sometimes feel like a tricky balancing act. It's easy to talk, to gather from what other parents have to say, to feel heard by friends, etc. But

ultimately, we need to continue to ask ourselves, do we talk like this with God? Do we converse with God over our parenting, in our planning, in the fears we have regarding the broken world that surrounds us? Do we talk with God like we talk to our friends about all those things? His capable care for us is far beyond any caring we can do for ourselves or for those He has put in our arms and under our roofs. Trusting in God comes much easier when we meet with Him and speak with Him and listen to Him and hear from Him.

The themes of Coffee and Conversation today seemed to be encouragement and accountability, and it was good.