Theme for 2024/2025 School Year: **Steadfast**

 *You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed (steadfast) on You,*

*because he trusts in You.* ***Isaiah 26:3***

Each year at Veritas we focus on a theme as a school body. The theme will be woven into the school classroom and we strongly encourage you to try and weave it into the home classroom as well. Each quarter of the school year we will have a different Bible verse(s) to correspond with the theme. Consider posting these verses in your home classroom so we can partner together in this endeavor.

This year’s theme is **Steadfast**. Webster’s dictionary defines steadfast as, “resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering.” Synonyms for steadfast are **perseverance, faithful** and **endurance**. We picked **steadfast** this year because we are in a battle, and we must be **steadfast** as we fight. Not of our own strength, but from the strength of our mighty God.

CS Lewis' wrote the following in *The Last Battle*...

 “But as [Eustace] spoke, the earth trembled.  The sweet air grew suddenly sweeter.  A brightness flashed behind them.  All turned.  Tirian turned last because he was afraid.  There stood his heart’s desire, huge and real, the golden Lion, Aslan himself…Tirian came near, trembling, and flung himself at the Lion’s feet, and the Lion kissed him and said “Well done, last of the Kings of Narnia **who stood firm in the darkest hour**.”

How we all long to hear, “Well done my good and faithful servant.”

As you sow these verses into your soul, may they strengthen you as you run **steadfast** this race of life, seeking the One Who is the most **steadfast** and Who is worthy to be followed until the day we cross that finish line and get to be with Jesus, our Savior, our Lord, and our Redeemer.

**Quarterly Memory Verses**:

1st Quarter: *Steadfast through trials*

**James 1:12** Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

2nd Quarter: *Steadfast in spirit*

**Psalm 51:10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from Thy presence, And do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit.

3rd Quarter: *Steadfast in the work of the Lord*

**1 Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in* vain in the Lord.

4th Quarter: *Steadfast in peace*

**Isaiah 26:3** You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

**More Verses on Steadfast:**

 **2 Peter 1:5** For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

**James 1:2** Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3 for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4 And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

**James 1:12** Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

**James 5:11** Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

**Acts 11:23** When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,