

Celebration of Learning at Central Christian

Central Christian School (CCS) kindergarten through fifth-grade students and teachers have been richly impacted by the influence of Teaching for Transformation in classroom instruction. In January 2026, teachers reframed an existing elementary-wide unit to explicitly align with Teaching for Transformation. The **Global Communities Unit**, designed to highlight God's creative work through an in-depth, month-long study of cultures around the world, became an excellent opportunity for practicing TtT Celebrations of Learning.

Each kindergarten through fifth-grade class was assigned a different region of the world to study (kindergarten-Mexico; 1st grade-South America; 2nd grade-Australia; 3rd grade-Asia; 4th grade-Europe; & 5th grade-Africa), to cultivate awareness, appreciation, and wonder for God's creativity as revealed in the diversity of geography, history, cultures, and people groups across the globe. Teachers intentionally designed cross-curricular learning experiences aligned with their **Deep Hope** and **Throughlines**, supporting students in making meaningful connections between their learning and God's Story.

To share these TtT learning stories with the broader CCS community, each class hosted its own **Celebration of Learning**, inviting parents and community members to engage with students as they shared their work. Students articulated how their learning connected to their class Deep Hope, Throughlines, and God's redemptive story, supporting the school's mission to transform hearts and minds for Christ.

Student work was thoughtfully displayed throughout classrooms, and students performed, presented, and conversed with guests about their learning. These smaller Celebrations of Learning provided valuable opportunities for reflection and growth as our school continues to plan for a future, school-wide Celebration of Learning.

Here are a few teacher reflections from the event:

"I have learned that inspiring my students to make connections about their learning through God's eyes is the ultimate goal of teaching transformationally."

"I value the sense of community and personal relationships that develop from working with other teachers."

"The mindset of TtT has become a part of my lessons, and I see sparks of the vocabulary coming through my students!"

