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Dear Honor Roll Student,

Before spring break, I entertained you in chapel with a short Pixar video called *Piper*. There were no words in the film, just a few peeps and squeaks emitted by the characters who were mostly shorebirds.

By showing this to you, I hope I challenged you to consider yourself in the Piper role. Like Piper, you are young and learning, you have tried new things and failed. Perhaps you have found a mentor like the hermit crab in the film.

The crab very cleverly rode out the wave by burrowing into the sand and closing his eyes. Piper discovered that when he rode out the wave, he could open his eyes and discover the elusive clams showing themselves. Quickly, he learned that if he remembered their locations, he could easily find the clams and feed his family and community.

This new knowledge changed the world as he knew it. I expect that you will learn new things too that will change the world. I am confident that you will learn to be self-sufficient and learn how to care for those you love.

I submit that you are making a good start by working hard to earn a place on the Honor Roll for the third quarter of the 2017-18 school year.

Keep your mind, heart, and ears open to what the “hermit crabs” can teach you!

Love and Blessings,

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