

## School is in Session *by Emily*

It's almost impossible to believe that we are the parents of a kindergartener, but for the past few months, afternoons at our house have been full of coloring, rhyming, number lines, sight words, and even fractions. Savannah loves anything involving numbers, and almost every day when we finish up our activities and worksheets she has a burning question that we google together – anything from the names of the parts of sailing ships to how many species of sharks there are in the world.



Teaching her is a privilege, a huge responsibility, and a whole lot of work, and I'm thankful everyday that I have access to so many resources online to keep things fun and challenging.

## Staff Training *by Emily*

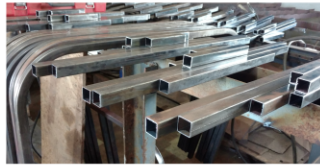
At the beginning of each school year the staff of the WAVS Vocational School spend the week before the students arrive training and preparing for the year to come. This year Jason took the kids and I spent two days leading a training for 13 teachers and staff members. We talked about 5 ways they should be growing professionally during this upcoming school year. We had time for lots of discussion, talking about the personal and school-wide impact of growth in each area, the Biblical principles involved, and specific action steps for growth. Since I spend most of my time at home, I don't usually have a lot of interaction with the staff, and the training time was encouraging for me and them, and a great way to kick off the new school year.



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This month I had the opportunity to design and build 24 2-student desks for grade schoolers at a Christian school in Bissau. A local principal saw them being built and put in an order for her school here in Canchungo as well! Projects like this help support education, give our welding students practical experience, and provide financial support for the vocational school.

Our regularly scheduled newsletters will resume again next month!

