

ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS

by CHAD ASHBY

School's out for summer! It's fun to start in the fall—with all the new pencils and notebooks and autumn colors. But there's nothing like the feeling of waking up on the first day of summer break. This time of year, teachers and students agree:

“BETTER IS THE END OF A THING THAN ITS BEGINNING...” (ECCLESIASTES 7:8)

This is also a special time of year for our little pie hutch. Somehow, in the busyness of rolling pins and cookie pans, a whole year has come and gone. June 15th marks the first anniversary of The Hutch. Can you believe it?

As exciting as it was last summer to build our stand and design our logo and collect recipes and buy supplies and canvas our neighborhood, at the conclusion of Year One the sentiment still holds true: *Better is the end of a thing than its beginning.*

In order to understand what I mean, you have to hear the rest of the verse:

“... AND THE PATIENT IN SPIRIT IS BETTER THAN THE PROUD IN SPIRIT.”

The point is that anyone can have great intentions. The proud boast about big plans, but the patient follow through—knowing that the greatest satisfaction is not in setting out to do *amazing* things, but in finishing *modest* things.

Thanks for joining us in our modest little endeavor! The bakes have been fun, but it's the ones we bake for—our friends, family, and neighbors—that we cherish. In honor of our 1st Anniversary, join us for

FREE PANCAKES at THE HUTCH

Saturday June 24th

from 8:30 – 10:00am



lemon chess pies (june 10)

Poetry Corner

ROBIN (Inspired by *The Secret Garden*)
by Fletcher Ashby

Chirp. Chirp. Look at me! Look at me!
High in the boughs of this bare tree,
I own this grand estate,
And here on the wall is a rusty old gate,
But what person should I show the key to—
The little girl, that's who!
She looks frail and needs some hardening,
So I'll let her do all the gardening,
Here she comes! Come right in.
This is the place I want you to begin.

AN EVEN TRADE

by Chad Ashby

The sky is filled with little thieves
Who rob me of the silence,
But the songs that they return to me
Show me they do no violence.

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY JOINS THE BLOCK

by GRIFFIN ASHBY (age 12)

This spring saw a welcome addition to Queensbury Drive: a little free library! Our neighbors Carson and Rachel ordered the colorful book house from a Ukrainian artist named Denys Yakovchuk (Etsy: PinnocchioUK). Yakovchuk hand-paints each library individually. Due to the war in his country, he sends them to Poland where they are then shipped to their destinations. The money he raises goes to support efforts in Ukraine.

Rachel says she was eager to add the library to our street so that our neighborhood would have easy access to good books. One of her main goals is to include those who are disabled. To do this, she has stocked the little free library with books that feature disabled characters and stories about acceptance.



MINDY'S PICKS

THE SECRET GARDEN

by FRANCES HODGSON BURNETT

Two children whose hearts are locked up through loneliness and fear find a garden that has been likewise shut up tight. The garden needs tending to come back to life, and the children are slowly transformed through the magic of nature, friendship, and faith. A book that demonstrates the extraordinary power of filling your mind with good things—a lesson I need more than most.



The Secret Garden by Teddy Ashby (age 8)

CHAD CLASSICS

THE AENEID

by VIRGIL

Set sail with Aeneas and a few survivors as they escape the burned rubble of Troy in search of a new home. Sure, it's a propaganda piece advocating for the legitimacy of Caesar's power in Rome, but it's got a whole lot more gore and action than any thriller you'll see in theaters! Plus, you will feel like a smarty-pants reading it.



chocolate croissants (june 22)

**JUNE
SCHEDOODLE**

Keep up with our weekly offerings:

**THUR JUNE 8
RASPBERRY & BLUEBERRY
POP TARTS**
(\$2 each)

**SAT JUNE 10
LEMON CHESS PIES**
(\$22 each)

**TUES JUNE 13
GLUTEN-FREE
ALMOND MACAROONS W/
CHOCOLATE GANACHE**
(\$2 each)

**SAT JUNE 17
NO BAKES, SORRY!**

**THUR JUNE 22
CHOCOLATE CROISSANTS**
(\$2 each)

**SAT JUNE 24
PANCAKE CELEBRATION!**
(8:30am – 10:00am)

**MON JUNE 26
PERFECT POUND CAKES**
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**WED JUNE 28
PEACH PIES**
(\$22 each)

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SOMETHING
SPECIAL?**

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- no reason at all

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MAPLE

MARSHMALLOWS

Did you know that our Maple Moon Pie filling makes great marshmallows? With a few ingredients and a stand mixer, these basically make themselves!

MAKE 'EM

- 2 tablespoons powdered gelatin
- 2 cups maple syrup (no fake stuff)
- 4 teaspoons vanilla extract
- pinch of kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup powdered sugar

Pour gelatin into bowl of stand mixer with whisk attachment, and stir in 1/2 cup water.

In a pot fitted with candy thermometer, bring the maple syrup, vanilla, and salt to the "soft ball stage" (240 degrees F) over medium heat.

Turn mixer on low and pour immediately in. Slowly shift up to high and whisk for 8-10 min until thick and glossy.

DRY 'EM

Sift powdered sugar and cornstarch together onto a clean countertop or parchment sheet. Tip the whisked marshmallow creme onto the counter. Sift more onto the top. Be generous! It should not be sticky to the touch.

Pat the creme into a uniform rectangle about 1 inch thick. Let sit to dry in open air for a couple hours.

CUT 'EM

Use a pizza cutter to slice the marshmallow into 1 inch strips. Turn the strips to coat the raw sides in powdered sugar. Cut crosswise into uniform squares. Toss the marshmallows liberally in powdered sugar to eliminate any sticky sides. Store in an airtight container.



by DAVIS ASHBY (age 4)

The book is called *How I 'Come a Pirate*. It is about Jeremy Jacob at the beach, and um, he comes a pirate. The pirates lift him and turn him to their boat and they put treasures on him, I guess. And they eat, cheese, crackers, chicken, pizza, cake, sausage, nuts. The pirates have eye-patches and hats and hoods and pirate signs on their hats and parrots.

Um, they were playing soccer, and they kicked it into the water, and a shark ate the ball. And a pirate, um, put on two eye-patches and he flipped them—the pirate in the cape.

They were going to go to sleep, and a foot came in, and it was too windy and snowy for going to sleep on a pirate ship. Jeremy Jacob falls down that and he knows where to put the treasure: "X" marks the spot. He drew a map of how to get to the place where they bury the treasure. And they disappear from him. Now he has soccer practice. And that's the end.

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CINNABUN

by CAROLINE ASHBY (age 7)

Cinnabun is the name of the bunny that we babysitted for five days. Before lunch, we went over to my friend Polly's house, and we would find Cinnabun in the hallway or the sunporch under the couch. We changed her litter, we fed her some salad from their yard of mint, dandelion leaves, and clover.

Cinnabun is a girl bunny. She is white and brown with floppy-down ears. Her fur is really soft. I really enjoyed feeding the bunny and hope to care for her again sometime soon.



ABOUT US: The Ashbys live in Greenville, SC, where Chad is instructor of Math, Lit, and Theology at Greenville Classical Academy. Mindy has been homeschooling for 8 years. The Ashby kids are Griffin, Fletcher, Teddy, Caroline, Davis, and Peter.



Furman Clocktower (watercolor) by Fletcher Ashby (age 11)