

BACK TO SCHOOL

The kids are back at school, Father.

Amid the worry, we celebrate:
they see friends again;
they have access to skilled educators;
their education is reignited;
their schooling is back on track;
(and home is quieter!)

But most of all,
It's a return to normality,
To the routine of our lives.

We like routine, Father:
To know
what to expect,
what to do,
when and how.

Yet when we live for you,
We live with surprise.
We cannot know
what opportunities you will present,
who we will meet,
what you will call us to do.

We cannot know
what to expect,
what to do,
when or how.

Am I ready, Father,
Constantly watching for you
And the surprises you have for me?

*May Jesus himself and God our Father, who reached out in love
and surprised you with gifts of unending help and confidence,
put a fresh heart in you, invigorate your work, enliven your
speech. (2 Thessalonians 2: 16–17, MSG)*