



FOURTH GRADE Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Supposedly Mahatma Gandhi said "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." This year, I hope that we will strive to learn and work toward excellence in all aspects of our lives as if we will live forever and make a lasting contribution to society.

Fourth graders are mentally, physically, and socially more balanced, characterized by steady growth and transition toward formal operational thought than younger students. They are capable of much more than before; much more will be required of them!

I am confident that everyone assigned to our class will rise to meet the challenges with firm conviction that they will always do their best and conduct themselves in a manner worthy of being the student leaders at ACE. Welcome to Fourth Grade!

History

Diving into American History!

- Native American cultures
- Navajo, Makah, Sioux, Remember some of those groups?
- Christopher Columbus discovery of the Americas
- Government and Religion in the colonies

Bible

We will focus on the Life of Jesus as the Messiah, the Promised One, as we study his life as a young boy and into the start of His ministry on earth. The verses will be sent home at the beginning of the week and the quizzes will be on Fridays. Each night, students should review and try to memorize the verses. The students will be allowed to take the workbook home with them on Thursday to study for the test, however, if they pay attention during the class discussions and actively participate, they should not have any trouble with the weekly quizzes.

- Week 1: I Corinthians 13:1
- Week 2: I Corinthians 13:2-3
- Week 3: I Corinthians 13:4-5
- Week 4: I Corinthians 13:6-7

Math I Grade Level 5 Mr. Zellner

Starting off in math, we will be deepening our understanding of numbers by looking at extremely large numbers, negative numbers, numbers with decimals, and even Roman numerals.

- Math Test:
- September 20

Upcoming Events

September 7

Informational Meeting about AAP, CogAT, NNAT, 6:30pm
(Parents Only Please)

Elementary Parent Orientation, 7:00pm
(Parents Only Please)

September 13

Picture Day

September 19

Open House, 10:00am-2:00pm
(for non-registered families)

APL Meeting, 7:00pm
All Parents Welcome

September 29

Casual Day *(students may wear modest casual clothing to school instead of their uniforms)*

October 2

All students need to bring jackets to school daily starting today

October 6

Interims go home as needed

October 9

Columbus Day Holiday -
NO SCHOOL

Penmanship

Students will continue to practice good penmanship.

Formation, slant, spacing, letter size and neatness will be graded on vocabulary tests.

Advance Math Grade Level 6

Mrs. Johnstone

Although the start of Math 6 may seem "easy" as we will conduct a lot of review, the first chapter on place values, additions and subtractions of whole numbers and decimals will challenge the students at times. We will have two quizzes on Chapter 1 on September 12th and 15th.

Our first test is on Wednesday, September 20th. Please ensure that your student keeps all of their Chapter 1 ST (Student Text) pages in the Return to School section of their Red Subject Folder. We will refer to previous lessons at times. Organization and attention to detail are the keys to success! We'll end September with the first Chapter 2 quiz on September 27th. We'll finish the month with introduction to Chapter 2 with Multiplication to 2- and 3-digit whole numbers and decimals, exponents, and squares/square roots. Everyone in Math 6 is expected to have memorized the multiplication table.

Technology

In the 4th grade Technology Class this month we will be learning:

- Policy and Procedures
- Classroom rules
- Mathletics log in
- Rosetta Stone log in
- Accelerated Reader log in
- Typing Agen log in
- How to use your take home iPads

Language

Students will learn that language is:

- Evaluating what they read, hear, and observe
- Learning and following rules
- Learning that there is a correct way to do things
- Seeing patterns and working analytically
- Developing a body of thought in an orderly manner
- Communicating beliefs clearly, forcefully, and persuasively

All classes will continue to develop reading skills, which include:

- Accuracy
- Enunciation
- Alertness to punctuation
- Expression
- Smoothness
- Comprehension
- Volume
- Speed
- Poise

Students will study, review, learn, and be quizzed and tested over vocabulary and definitions from Math, and Science, and their Chapter book, *Alice in Wonderland*.

They will learn to recognize and use verbs, in all their forms and endings.

Art

This month the children will review three of the seven elements of art - lines, shape and form.

The 4th graders will draw a honey jar. Using various shapes and lines they create an illusion of form.

Science

Science 5 for 4th graders will start the Unit 1 with two chapters within the unit: Minerals and Rocks, and Fossils and Dinosaurs. Students will learn the proven method of good content comprehension tools: PQ3R as well as conduct several hands-on activities. There will be a quiz on September 11 and the chapter test on September 21.

PE / Spanish

This month in PE, students will participate in games that will work on their ability to:

- Exercise
- Reinforce their listing skills
- Work together
- Communicate

In Spanish Class, students will:

- Review numbers and colors
- Review their greetings
- Go over vocabulary words
- Learn interrogatory words

Don't forget your child's weekly 15 minutes of homework!

Music

This September in Music, we will review expectations of behavior and participation. We will also be introduced to the foundations of music, which include rhythm and beat.

Students will be introduced to a new composer every month. We will listen to famous compositions, learn interesting facts, and have activities centered around each composer, Franz Liszt in the month of September.