

ACE THIRD GRADE

THE TIME FOR FAITH IS NOW

April is truly the defining month for faith. It is the month that corresponds to Resurrection Day, also more commonly known by its misnomer, "Easter."

If faith in Jesus is of any value, it is to address the universal, fundamental problem of all creation--death. However, without the resurrection of Jesus, there is no hope that He was and still is divine, God Himself. Thankfully, the resurrection did occur and stands alone as the seminal feat of victory over death that delivers hope to those who believe.

There is much historical evidence and eyewitness accounts ([see Josephus](#) among others) to this fact. Of course, no amount of evidence will ever nullify our need for faith. After all, *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God"* (Ephesians 2:8)

I invite you this April to put your faith in the only God Who grants life over death. Let resurrection be your gift too.

APRIL GOALS

The goal for April is to keep up effort and grades into the fourth quarter and finish the year off strong. If there are any weaker subjects, we will spend extra time pinpointing missed concepts or challenging skills and ensure they are as ready as possible for an entrance into fourth grade.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3-7: Standardized Testing

April 7: Report Cards Go Home

April 7: Easter Dress Up Day (*students may wear dressy clothing*)

April 10-14: EASTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL!

April 16: Celebrate Easter! Christ LIVES!

April 17: School Resumes

April 18: Open House for non-registered Families, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

April 28: Casual Day (*students may wear modest casual clothing*)

ADVANCED MATH GRADE LEVEL 4 Mr. Thompson

This month we will be working in chapter 12.

The following will be covered:

- Multiply multiples by 10
- Multiplication and Addition Principles
- 2 Digit x 2 Digit Factors, x 3 Digit Factors
- Multiply and Estimate
- Multiply money
- Compare and order fractions
- Add and subtract mixed numbers
- Equivalent fractions
- Add and subtract unlike fractions
- Fractions of a set
- Fractions in Problem Solving

Tests:

- **April 3 Ch. 17 Test**

ADVANCED MATH GRADE LEVEL 5 Mr. Zellner

Math will dive into the last, generally used form of notation for calculations, which is decimals. They will be multiplied and divided with reference back to their fractional counterparts. Surface area and volume will expand on geometry afterwards.

Math Tests:

- **April 18**
- **April 28**

LANGUAGE ARTS

Language will cover prepositional phrases, which will help students identify where the subject cannot be in sentences. Additionally, interjections and conjunctions will provide students more tools to create colorful and varied prose.

Language Quizzes and Tests:

- **April 4**
- **April 19**
- **April 25**

Spelling Tests:

- **April 7**
- **April 21**
- **April 28**

HIGHER EXPECTATIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

As we begin the last quarter for 3rd grade, students are expected to begin the process of being more responsible.

They are expected to arrive on time - between 8:00-8:20 a.m. so they are prepared for math to begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Students arriving late will miss important instruction.

Students are expected to come to school prepared with all of their books and supplies.

Students are expected to have homework completed without prompting and weekly reports returned promptly.

Students are expected to assume responsibility for their work and their actions.

Spring is a time of growth and change. Every child in 3rd grade is growing and changing, becoming older and more mature. It is a pleasure to observe that growth in these students.

BIBLE

Daniel is another famous dreamer in the Bible. Living much later than the time of Joseph, Daniel was used as a prophet of God to speak to the pagan King Nebuchadnezzar. He told of God's supremacy and went on to provide prophecies that go unfilled to this day. Most famously, his faith in God went undeterred amidst the threat of hungry lions.

April 6 - James 1:6

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

April 20 - James 1:1-6 (Review)

April 27 - John 14:1

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

Bible Memory Verse and Lesson Quizzes:

- **April 6**
- **April 20**
- **April 27**

PE / SPANISH

PE:

Students will review:

- Stretching/Warm-ups
- Continue practicing for the fitness challenge

SPANISH:

Third grade students will be continuing their progress in Rosetta Stone. They will use demonstrative pronouns and possessive adjectives to describe people and situations. They will also be reading in Spanish and will use their comprehension skills to interpret what they read as well as answer questions on the material. They will also be working on the months of the year.

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

TECHNOLOGY

April brings a whole new reality - **VIRTUAL REALITY!** Students will use Google Cardboard Glasses to explore the world around them.

Students will also begin basic image manipulation and how to use "Hot Keys"

The Wild and Wacky Nimble Fingers Party is coming in May!

Only students reaching specific goals in Typing Agent and passing a very challenging in-class test, with a covered keyboard, will be issued an invitation to the party. The party is designed to celebrate students *who go above and beyond in typing.*

Typing Agent will no longer be covered in technology class, however, students may continue working on the program at home. Your child's class standing in Typing Agent will be sent home soon.

SCIENCE 4

Science class will shed some light on the mysteries of light, the enigmatic particle-waves that interact with us daily through everything we see. We will also shoot for the stars but land on the moon, as we study earth's only natural satellite.

Ex-SCI-ting Fact: The speed of light is also the speed of causality. It defines the rate at which objects feel "time." The closer something is to the speed of light, the slower time seems to pass compared to everything else. For example, Einstein thought of being on a super-fast train and looking back at a clock tower, waiting for the light from the clock to hit his eye. If he were going as fast as the light could travel to his eye, the light would never reach it. The clock would seem not to move. Time would have "stopped" for him.

Science Tests:

- April 3
- April 21



ART

"Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely." ~ Rodin

This month the children will get an introduction to Auguste Rodin. We will also review the life and art style of Vincent Van Gogh.

The children will do a collaborative painting Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night."

All students will continue to create art for the school hallways!

READING/WRITING

The reading storybook has a potpourri unit, consisting of a variety of poems and reading selections with value for learning unique writing techniques. We will also continue to incorporate novel writing prompts to practice the skills they are learning.



MUSIC

Did you know...?

Research has found a causal link between music and spatial intelligence, which means that understanding music can help children visualize various elements that should go together, like they would do when solving a math problem. These skills come into play in solving multistep problems one would encounter in architecture, engineering, math, art, gaming, and especially working with computers.

Cited from:

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/music-arts/the-benefits-of-music-education/>

This month in Music Classes:

- Students will continue learning music for the Spring Program
- Students will continue the Recorder Karate curriculum

Homework: Students are expected to practice 35 minutes per 7 day week for the Recorder Karate Curriculum. Practice sheets must be signed by a parent to be counted as complete. Students are expected to bring their recorders and black recorder folders to music every music class for a participation grade.