



FOURTH GRADE Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

Welcome

*I've made the same mistake before
Too many malls, too many stores
December traffic, Christmas rush
It breaks me till I push and shove*

*Children are crying
while mothers are trying
To photograph Santa and sleigh
The shopping and buying and
standing forever in line*

*What can I say?
I need a silent night, a holy night
To hear an angel voice through the
chaos and the noise
I need a midnight clear, a little peace
right here
To end this crazy day with a silent
night*

One of my favorite Christmas songs by Amy Grant, "I Need a Silent Night" reminds me to slow down and remember the reason for this season of peace and goodwill. When life seems to be moving at an impossible speed with too many things to do on the list, I hope that you can have a silent night of clear, peaceful reflection as we enter into this time of celebrating how much God loves us and calls us to love others.

Bible

This month in Bible, we will focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Students will learn that "God so loved the world, He gave His One and Only Son."

- 12/4-12/8 Psalm 1:1-2
- 12/11-12/15 Psalm 1:3-4

Content and Verse Quizzes on Fridays.

Music

*Let us have music for Christmas...
Sound the trumpet of joy and rebirth;
Let each of us try, with a song in our
hearts,
To bring peace to men on earth.*
Mildred L. Jarrell

This month, we will take a break from our composer of the month series, as we are busy preparing for a special Christmas program! Families and loved ones are encouraged to come see the Christmas programs! The students work extremely hard this time of year and love to showcase all they have learned so far in music and take part in the special celebration of Christ's birth.

December 1st is our Christmas clothing check. Please send clothing to school with students in a labeled bag. Clothes will be returned upon approval.

Christmas Program Times

Thursday, December 14th

10:00 a.m. – 1st Grade
11:00 a.m. – 2nd Grade
1:00 p.m. – 3rd Grade
2:00 p.m. – 4th and 5th Grades

Friday, December 15th

10:00 a.m. – Toddler and Preschool
11:00 a.m. – Junior Kindergarten
1:00 p.m. – Senior Kindergarten

Please remember, attendance is mandatory for the Christmas program and counts as a test grade for each student. If your student will not be in attendance for any reason, please let me know ASAP.

Upcoming Events

December 1

Christmas Program Costume Check

December 14-15

In-House Christmas Programs

December 15

Interims go home as needed

December 18-29

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - NO SCHOOL

December 25

Jesus' Birthday

January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

January 2

School Resumes & Re-registration Packets go home

January 15

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - NO SCHOOL

January 16

Open House, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(for non-registered families)

January 16

END OF SECOND QUARTER

January 18

APL Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (All Parents Welcome)

January 18

Talent Show/Auction Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
(All Parents Welcome)

January 22

Minecraft Club Showcase

January 24

ACE Skate Night, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. Reston
Town Center Ice Rink

January 25

Science Club Showcase

January 26

LEGO & VEX Robotics Club Showcase

January 31

Casual Day (students may wear modest
casual clothing to school)

Language

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 History, Science, and their chapter book, *A Christmas Carol*.

They will:

- Identify prepositions, objects of prepositions, and prepositional phrases in sentences
- Identify and diagram simple subjects and simple predicates
- Identify the topic sentence of paragraphs
- Plan, draft, revise, and proofread a compare-contrast essay

Unit Tests:

- 12/11 Ch. 1 Sentences Test

Science 5

We will finish up the Chapter on Weather and Atmosphere just in time for the Christmas break.

Test/Quiz Dates:

- 12/4 Quiz 5-C
- 12/7 Oral Presentation on Dangerous Extreme Activity (Quiz grade)
- 12/14 Chapter 5 Test

History

Fourth grade will begin studying the Civil War! We have studied the early Americans as they debated, compromised and struggled with the issue of slavery and the balance of power in the government. These struggles will come to a head as North and South fight for their convictions on the battlefield.

We will focus our historical studies this month on:

- Strategies of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee
- Hardships of the War
- Abraham Lincoln's Presidency
- Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States
- The Battle of Gettysburg
- Reconstruction Era

Chapter Tests:

- 12/5 - Chapter 6
- 12/15 - Chapter 7

Art

Our featured artist for December is Pablo Picasso. He is one of the most famous artists of the 20th century who co-founded the art form cubism together with George Braque.

We will look closely at Picasso's Blue Period and his paintings of musical instrument.

The class will do their own rendition of the musical instruments.

Advance Math Grade Level 6 Mrs. Johnstone

We will finish the chapter on Geometry and will start on Chapter 7: Multiply Fractions and Decimals. There will be little to no review on the basics that we learned in Chapter 4. If a review is needed, going back through the finished Chapter 4 Student Text pages or reviewing in the handbook would be helpful.

Test Dates:

- 12/11 Quiz 6-C
- 12/13 Chapter 6 Test

Math I Grade Level 5 Mr. Zellner

Math 5 Quizzes:

- Nov. 29 - Review Quiz 5 (Multi-Digit Multiplication & Division, Including Story Problems)
- Dec. 6 - Review Quiz 6 (Multiples and GCFs)

Math 5 Tests:

- Dec. 13 - Math 5 TEST 7 (2-Digit Divisors)

Technology

In Technology Class this month we will be learning:

- Microsoft Word
- Pages
- Google Docs
- Project in both Word and Pages
- Google Docs challenge

PE / Spanish

This month in PE, students will be working on:

- Warm ups
- Stretching
- Cooperation skills
- Completing a task with team members
- Learning to communicate
- Hand eye coordination using paddles and Velcro balls

In Spanish Class, students will continue with their Rosetta Stone program. They will be reviewing up to Unit 4 to analyze comprehension and knowledge of the subjects.

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