



FOURTH GRADE Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2018

Welcome

With the start of the second semester, students might be hitting the mid-year slump with decreasing motivation. We'll be revisiting the basic classroom procedures and our goals from the beginning of the year to ensure that we can continue to work effectively in a classroom where all students are WELCOME to grow and excel.

When you
Enter this room
Learning is fun and
Cooperation is expected.
Our positive attitude and
Mutual respect are part of
Everything we do and say!

On Wednesday, February 14, we will have a short class party at the end of the day to celebrate Valentine's Day. Students are encouraged to write a heartfelt note of encouragement to all the other students.

We have 13 total students.
6 Boys: Aiden, Kyle, Adithya, Siddarth, Tanush, and Ryan
7 Girls: Annum, Riya, Alicea, Saanvi, Elinor, Srimbheeja, Virginia

Advance Math I Grade Level 6 Mrs. Johnstone

Now that the students have mastered multiplying fractions and decimals from Chapter 7 and 8, the focus of Chapter 9 will be dividing decimals. As always, applying the problem solving procedures carefully and working neatly will be keys to successfully learning the new as well as practicing the previously learned concepts. At the end of the month, students will employ all of the mathematical tools mastered to date to work on equations. *Review and Complete all daily homework assignments each night!*

Test Dates:

- 2/5 Quiz 9.1
- 2/9 Quiz 9.2
- 2/14 Chapter 9 Test
- 2/23 Quiz 10.1

Upcoming Events

February 2

Report Cards go home

February 2

ACE Family Bingo Night, 7:00 p.m.

February 5

2nd Semester Hot Food Begins

February 8

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

February 8

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

February 14

Valentine's Day Parties, Casual Day (*Students may wear red, white, or pink*)

February 19

PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

February 20

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

February 28

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

March 2

Interims go home as needed

March 20

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

March 20

APL Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (*All Parents Welcome*)

March 23

Easter Dress Up Day (*students may wear dressy clothing to school*)

March 26 - 30

Easter Break - NO SCHOOL

Math I Grade Level 5 Mr. Zellner

Building up on past units bit by bit we will be learning about the basics of balancing equations, discuss concepts in 2D and 3D geometry, and begin to multiply and divide fractions throughout the month of February.

Quizzes:

- 2/7 - Quiz 9 (Angles, Lines, Circles, Triangles, & Degrees)
- 2/21 - Quiz 10 (Decimals, Fractions, & Math Terms)
- 2/28 - Quiz 11 (Perimeter, Area, Classifying Triangles & Lines)

Math 5 Tests:

- Feb. 14 - TEST 10 (Equations)

Science 5

Continuing in Unit 4: The Perfect Balance about our natural world, students will spend the majority of the month in Chapter 8: Changes in an Ecosystem.

Along with hands-on activities during the class periods, students will practice their classifying and communicating skills with a Current Events activity and an oral presentation. Not only will the students learn how our natural world operates in orderly cycles and processes, they will think and reason critically about man's interactions with the ecosystem.

Test/Quiz Dates:

- 2/6 Quiz 8-A
- 2/9 Quiz 8-B
- 2/14 Quiz 8-C
- 3/1 Chapter 8 Test

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 language curriculum.

They will:

- Recognize and identify dishonest tactics in persuasion
- Identify four features of a good business letter
- Plan, draft, revise, proofread, and publish a persuasive business letter
- Identify the form of the helping verb that agrees with the subject
- Define and identify direct objects

Chapter Test:

- 2/5 Ch. 3 Nouns Test
- 2/12 Ch. 4 Writing a Persuasive Business Letter Test
- 2/26 Ch. 5 Verbs Test

Technology

This February, students continue their focus on coding. They will have multiple opportunities to learn and try various coding programs including Osmo, Sphero, code.org, and more.

Note: code.org is a competition and students are not able to compete at home. Students can practice on free programs on code.org, but they may not continue what they are doing in class (even if they have memorized their login information).

Don't forget your child's 10 minutes of Technology homework each week!

History

Fourth grade enjoyed dressing up as famous people from the Civil War era. They tasted hard tack and listened to presentations from Abraham Lincoln, Stonewall Jackson, Harriet Tubman and many others!

We will focus our historical studies this month on:

American Influence Abroad

- Spanish-American War
- Panama Canal
- Progressive Era

World War I

- Allies and Central Powers
- Trench Warfare in the Western Front
- American Expeditionary Force
- Treaty of Versailles

Chapter Test:

- Ch. 9 Test - 2/6
- Ch. 10 Test - 2/14
- Ch. 11 Test - 2/27

Music

"Where words fail, music speaks."
- Hans Christian Andersen

This month in Music Class:

- Students will review singing in a round with a new song
- Students will review instruments in the woodwind family
- Students will begin the Recorder Karate curriculum
- Students will learn about Scott Joplin as their February Composer of the Month

Bible

This month, we will focus on developing into young adults of good inner character.

Lesson 19: God's Concern For You

- Philippians 4:4-9
- Character Trait: Thankfulness

Lesson 20: Your Inner Character

- John 1:1-2

Lesson 21: Humility: Doing Things God's Way

- John 1:3-4

Lesson 22: Learning To Be Submissive

- John 1:5-6
- Character Trait: Obedience

Content and Verse Quizzes on Fridays.

PE / Spanish

This month in PE, take the month to learn how to jump rope, both individually and in a group setting. They will learn different drills and exercises as they develop endurance. They will learn the benefits of jump roping for different sports.

In Spanish Class, students will continue working on their Rosetta Stone. They will be reviewing the Spanish alphabet and the letter sounds. They will also be reviewing Unit 2-4 Vocabulary with kinetic, auditory, and visual methods.

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

Art

February is Japanese Art month.

Students will discover the country of Japan: its history, people, art, and its relationship with the United States.

The children will learn the meaning of some Japanese words like koinobori (carp windsock), ukiyo-e (woodblock printing), sumanigashi (ancient art of Japanese marbling), chochin (paper lantern). They will also try their hands at making sumi ink by using an ink stick on an ink well and learn how to hold and use Asian brushes the correct way.

Fourth graders will design and color a Japanese lantern.