



SECOND GRADE Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018

Welcome

Hello Spring! We are excited to go to George Mason University where Theatreworks USA will perform the thrilling story of Harriet Tubman, the Moses of her people, in a fascinating series of highly theatrical scenes incorporating dance and music. *Freedom Train* is the story of self-sacrifice, dedication and survival, laced with warmth and humor celebrating the human spirit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at mrthompson@myschoolace.com or missborucke@myschoolace.com.

Math I Grade Level 3

Miss Borucke
Mrs. Woodward

This month, students will learn the following topics:

- Geometry
 - line, ray, perimeter and angle
- Money
 - value of coins and dollar bills
 - add/subtract amounts of money
 - amount needed to purchase item
 - amount of change after purchase
 - count change

Test Dates:
• 3/14 - Ch. 13

Upcoming Events

March 2

Interims go home as needed

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2nd Grade Pioneer Day!

March 20

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

March 22

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

April 1

Celebrate Easter! Christ Lives!

April 2

School Resumes

April 6

END OF THIRD QUARTER

April 9-12

Elementary Science Fair

April 9-13

Standardized Testing

April 13

International Day!

April 13

REPORT CARDS GO HOME

April 17

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

April 17

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

April 30

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

Bible

For the month of March, we will be linking the Jewish Passover with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and his last Passover.

This month, we will be learning about the following Bible stories:

- Lesson 23: Passover of Jesus
- Lesson 24: Time to Leave Egypt
- Lesson 25: Pharaoh Changes his Mind
- Lesson 26: Pharaoh's Armies Destroyed

Science

This month, students will learn about the life of an astronomer and explore the solar system as they study:

- Revolution vs. rotation
- Characteristics of the sun
- Constellations
- Planets

Science Chapter Test Dates:
• 3/15 - Ch. 9

Advanced Math Grade Level 4

Mr. Thompson

This month, Math 4 students will learn and successfully navigate the following topics:

- Inches-feet
- Length and distance
- Renaming measurements
- Weight
- Capacity
- Temperature
- Time to 1 minute
- Time: AM and PM; Before and after the hour
- Elapsed time
- Calendar
- Roman Numerals
- Multiply Multiples of 10
- Multiplication-Addition Principle
- 2 Digit x 3 Digit Factors
- Estimation

Chapter Test Dates:

- 3/7
- 3/14

Language

This March, we will learn about:

- Verbs that need helping words
- Verbs ending with –own and –ew
- Using helping words: have, has, had, is, are, was, were
- Past, present tense

Chapter Book:

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, written by C. S. Lewis.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is a fantasy novel about a talking lion, the King of Beasts, named Aslan, and the sacrifice he makes to save a young boy. This is a novel about courage, forgiveness and transformation. We will cross reference Aslan's character and events in the life of Jesus Christ.

The students will be tested on comprehension.

Unit Test Dates:

- 3/12

History

As we continue our studies of American History and the government this month, students will learn about:

- The Compromise of 1850
- Slave and Free states
- The problem of runaway slaves
- Harriet Tubman
- Anthony Burns
- The Underground Railroad
- Two views that will lead to war
- Stephen Douglas
- Congress and slavery
- Abraham Lincoln before becoming president
- Lincoln-Douglas debate

Test grades will come from the following:

- Students will prepare a report on Stephen Douglas (this will be done in class)
- Students will prepare a report on Harriet Tubman (this will be done in class)

Music

"This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before." - Leonard Bernstein

The March Composer of the Month is John Philip Sousa, who is known for his many compositions of marches! A couple titles that you may recognize are *"The Stars and Stripes Forever"* and *"Semper Fidelis"*.

This month in music students will:

- Learn about the Composer of the Month, John Philip Sousa
- Listen to various recordings of John Philip Sousa and reflect on what was heard (dynamics, tempo, mood, instrumentation)
- Continue the Recorder Karate curriculum
- Practice being good listeners and performers as students test for various belts in recorder karate
- Continue practicing recorder at home for a homework grade (25 minutes of practice is required per week)

PE / Spanish

This month in PE, students will be working on Soccer skills. They will learn how to drill a soccer ball, participate in relays as well as play mock soccer games. They will also start practicing for the fitness challenge.

In Spanish Class, students will continue working on their Rosetta Stone. They will continue working on their Rosetta Stone programs. They will be working on possessive nouns and knowing when to use them; masculine, feminine, singular and plural.

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

Technology

This month in Technology class our Senior Kindergarten and Elementary classes will practice for and compete in World Maths Day. They will compete with over four million students from around the world. The contest measures speed and accuracy in arithmetic skills. We are excited that our students will compete in the world's largest online math competition.

After the world education games Technology class will shift our focus to spreadsheets. We will learn about formulas to add, subtract, and multiply cells. The students will use that knowledge to create a household budget.

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

Art

March will be an exciting month to paint and draw. Our goal is to finish all our collaborative artwork pieces for the Silent Auction. Every child will contribute to painting parts of the artwork. While some of the children are working on the class project, the rest of the class will be doing a special art activity with specific theme. The Elementary grades will all be designing their own trading cards with a specific theme.

The 2nd graders will be painting cityscape with a hint of Van Gogh. Their special project theme will be all about bugs.