



SENIOR KINDERGARTEN Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018

Welcome

Spring is almost officially here! It is amazing to see the progress the children have made these past couple of months. We look forward to a month of learning and fun!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at mrs gazes@myschoolace.com or miss sterling@myschoolace.com.

Letters / Phonics

In Phonics we will introduce:

- Phonics Chart 13
- Suffix Rule: changing the letter “y” to “i”

We will review the following:

- Placing words in alphabetical order
- Suffix rules
- Adding suffixes/prefixes to a word
- Rhyming words
- Syllables
- Phonics Charts 9 - 12
- Identifying and circling special sounds

Upcoming Events

March 2

Interims go home as needed

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)*

Penmanship

Students will continue working on creative writing. They will learn how to write starter sentences and apply them to their stories. We will research, take notes, then complete a rough draft and a final draft about Abraham Lincoln and Kites.

Science

In March we will be studying the following topics:

- Weather
- Seasons
- Health & Safety
- Tame Animals
- Wild Animals

Bible

Our Bible verses for March are:

- March 5th-March 9th: Verse S
“See ye the LORD while He may be found.” Isaiah 55:6
- March 12th – March 16th: Verse T
“Thou God seest me.” Genesis 16:13
- March 20th – March 23rd: Verse W
“What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.” Psalm 56:3

We will learn the stories of:

- Jesus and the Children
- The Lost Lamb
- Feeding of the Five Thousand
- Jesus Walks on the Water
- Jesus Stills the Storm
- The First Easter

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.

Math I Grade Level 1

Mrs. Gazes | Ms. Sterling

In Math 1 we will introduce the following:

- Adding a comma to divide large numbers into groups of three digits.
- 11 Addition/Subtraction family
- Five-number Addition
- Counting from 201-300

We will also review the following:

- Fractions
- Greatest/Least numbers
- Telling Time
- Review Addition & Subtraction Families (6-10)
- Units of Measurement
- Three digit Addition/Subtraction
- Place Value
- Counting Mixed Coins
- Story Problems
- Odd/Even Numbers

Advanced Math I Grade Level 2

Ms. Kim | Mrs. Francis

Math continues to be an exciting and challenging time for students. Our lessons this month will focus on Multiplication.

Students will bring home flashcards to practice. Developing the habit of 5–10 minutes daily practice will help students to learn these facts.

This month, students will master the Math concepts:

- Writing and solving equations
- Creating arrays to solve multiplication problems
- Understanding word problems
- Rounding
- Subtracting 3-digit numbers
- Renaming to the hundreds place
- Money – adding and subtracting using different bills and coins.

Chapter Tests will be 3/7 and 3/21.

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)
- Explore “timbre” of people’s voices; identifying individual student voices to recognize we all sound different
- Explore different “timbre” of instruments; identifying individual instruments by their sounds
- Be introduced to the strings family of instruments

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.

Both classes will be painting a Romero Britto inspired artwork of a can and a dog. For their special activity, the children will learn about op art and do their own designs using curve and straight lines.

Homework

Reading Homework: As assigned.

Math Flashcards: Review as new families are introduced.

Spelling Lists

- March 1st/2nd List 18
- March 8th/9th List 19
- March 15th/16th List 20
- March 22nd/23rd List 21

***Miss. Sterling's Class:** New lists are sent home every THURSDAY. Students are to copy each spelling word neatly and correctly. Spelling tests are given on THURSDAYS as part of their Phonics test.

***Mrs. Gazes:** New lists are sent home every FRIDAY. Students are to copy each spelling word neatly and correctly. Spelling tests are given on FRIDAYS as part of their Phonics test.

All students will have Spanish homework on Fridays.

PE / Spanish

This month in PE, students will be learning how to handle and dribble a soccer ball. They will participate in drills and relays. They will be developing their gross motor skills and learning how to dribble a ball with their feet.

In Spanish Class, students will continue working on their Rosetta Stone. They will be working on identifying pronouns masculine and feminine, singular and plural. They will be watching a Spanish series called Salsa to identify vocabulary words in normal conversations.

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