



SENIOR KINDERGARTEN Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2018

Welcome

December is an exciting month. We will be preparing for our Christmas Program. Our program is Friday December 21. The children are so excited to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We would like to wish you and your family and very Merry Christmas.

Please remember to check your child's red folder every evening.

If you have any questions or concerns – or if there is any way we can be of service to you and your family, please do not hesitate to contact us at: mrs gazes@myschoolace.com, or misssterling@myschoolace.com.

Bible

We will learn the following Bible verses:

- December 3rd-7th: Verse "H" Exodus 20:12, "Honor thy father and thy mother"
- December 10th-14th: Verse "J" John 14:6, "Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me"
- December 17th-21th: Verse "K" Psalm 34:13, "Keep thy tongue from evil"

We will learn the following stories:

- Joseph in Egypt
- The Birth of Jesus
- The first Christmas

Upcoming Events

December 7

Christmas Program Costume Check Day

December 14

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

December 21

In-House Christmas Programs

December 24-31

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
NO SCHOOL

December 25

Christ's Birthday

January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

January 1-4

CHRISTMAS BREAK
NO SCHOOL

January 7

School Resumes - Reregistration
Packets go home

January 11

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

January 21

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
NO SCHOOL

January 25

End of Second Quarter

January 28

2nd Semester Hot Food Begins

January 30

Report Cards go home

January 31

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

PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be working on expanding their vocabulary as well as learning how Christmas is celebrated in Peru. Younger levels will start on Duolingo while older grades will continue to enhance their conjugating and translating skills in Duolingo.

This month in PE, we will learn strength training through Yoga. Yoga will improve their balance, flexibility and strength. They will also be working on their aerobics through Zumba.

Homework

The maximum amount of homework normally assigned is 20-25 minutes per day. This does not include classroom that needs corrections.

Reading Homework: As assigned

Math Flashcards: Review as new families are introduced

Spelling List: New spelling lists are sent home Thursdays

Art

For December, our students will discover the talents of a self-taught French artist by the name of Henri Rousseau. The children will use his paintings to draw inspiration to create their own masterpiece.

Senior Kindergarteners will use the "The Surprise" for inspiration to draw their tiger art.

STEAM

In November, we read *Where the Wild Things Are* and used engineering to design solutions to problems Maxx encountered.

December is all about Christmas in the STEAM lab! We will be working on some secret STEAM surprises along with some winter themed challenges.

Music

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. Friday, December 7th is our Christmas clothing check. Please send clothing to school with students in a labeled bag. Clothes will be returned upon approval.

Please help us have a wonderful program by getting your students to school on time each day; we will have rehearsals in the mornings as homeroom classes.

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

Letters / Phonics

In Phonics we will:

- Review Phonic Charts 6-9
- Introduce Phonic Charts 10 & 11
- Students will learn that a root word is - a word we start with
- Introduce the concept of a suffix - a letter or group of letters added to the end of a word to make a new word
- Identifying how many syllables are in a word
- Underlining the root word and circling the suffixes.

Math

Math Students will focus on mastering the following math concepts this December:

- Telling time to the hour and half hour
- Finding greatest and least numbers
- Addition families 8-9
- Subtraction families 8-9
- Combining dimes, pennies, nickels
- Odd/even numbers
- Before/after/between numbers
- Using a ruler
- Story Problems
- Math Test every Wednesday
- Practice math facts daily

Technology

In Senior Kindergarten Technology class we will learn about the Gnu Image Manipulation Program. We will learn about some basic photo editing tools and attempt to create a fantastic picture featuring a remote location using a green screen.

Social Studies

This month, we will be learning about the Europeans coming to the New World and building settlements. We will also learn about the Woodland People and Pocahontas.

- Ch 9: Jamestown
- Ch 10: Plymouth
- Ch 11 Today and Long Ago

Spelling

The new Spelling list will be sent home every Thursday. Spelling tests will be usually be given on Thursdays as part of their Phonics test.

- December 6 List 10
- December 13 List 11
- December 20 List 12