



THIRD GRADE Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome

Welcome to the third grade! Everyone here at ACE is looking forward to a fantastic year, so we hope you're as excited as we are.

Third grade is an exciting time of building upon primary foundations. Letter and numbers literacy have been mastered and now begin to take beautiful structures through eloquent equations and rewarding writing. Thus, third grade becomes a pivotal transition between basic and upper-level critical-thinking needed for years to come.

Bible

In Bible this month students get to meet Abraham, the father of many nations. They will learn about how his promise from God connects the Old Testament and New Testament, culminating in the Gospel message.

Sept. 7 Quiz 1 - pp. 7-8 & Matthew 5:1-2

Sept. 14 Quiz 2 - pp. 9-12 & Matthew 5:3-4

Sept. 21 Quiz 3 - pp. 15-18 & Matthew 5:5-6

Sept. 28 Quiz 4 - pp. 19-22 & Matthew 5:1-6

History

Diving into American History! This month in History, students will learn about:

- Identifying the Biblical Characteristics of a Godly Leader
- Development of the Constitution of the USA
- Effect of Great Awakening Sweeping Through the Colonies
- Civil War and Reconstruction
- The Wild West!

Math I Grade Level 4 Mr. Thompson

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

- Place Value (periods, millions)
- Compare numbers
- Order numbers
- Round numbers
- Decimals (tenths, hundredths)
- Counting money
- Rename numbers
- Addition properties (2 and 3 digit addition; 4 and 5 digit addition)
- Adding money

Chapter Tests:

- September 19, 2018

Important tip: All work pages that are in color are completed and checked in class – they are for practice and learning the new material. Black and white sheets are homework pages and will be corrected for accuracy.

Advanced Math I Grade Level 5 Mr. Zellner

Starting off in math, we will be deepening our understanding of numbers by looking at extremely large numbers, negative numbers, numbers with decimals, and even Roman numerals.

Sept. 12 Quiz 1 - Basic Multiplication / Division Fact Families

Sept. 19 Test 1 - Place Values, Rounding, Inequalities, Number Forms (word form, expanded with multiplication, etc.)

Sept. 26 - Quiz 2 - Basic Multiplication / Addition, Number Forms, Inequalities

Upcoming Events

September 10

Hot Lunch Options Begin

September 10

After School Clubs Begin

September 12

Picture Day

September 14

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

September 28

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

October 1

All students need to bring a jacket to school everyday starting today

October 5

Interims go home as needed

October 8

Columbus Day Holiday -
NO SCHOOL

October 12

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

October 13

ACE Family Picnic at Algonkian Park,
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

October 26

Operation Christmas Child
Shoebboxes go home with Students

Technology

This month in Technology the Upper Elementary students will learn about using technology responsibly, learn to effectively use the apps on their iPads, and will practice their touch typing skills. The iPad apps we will focus on are Mail, Google Docs, Duolingo, and Google Drive.

Language

Reading and writing classes will include readings from Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Farmer Boy*, a classic of the 20th century, which aptly ties well to lessons in history about American farming and life before iPads, cars, or even lighting. We will also begin our review of grammar by considering what sentences are and how they are properly formed.

Sept. 7 - Spelling Test 1
Sept. 14 - Spelling Test 2
Sept. 21 - Spelling Test 3
Sept. 24 - Grammar Test 1 - Basic Diagramming, Types of Sentences, Subjects & Predicates...
Sept. 28 - Spelling Test 4

PE / Spanish

This month in PE, students will start of the year learning how to cooperate with each other in small groups. They will play games that will help them develop their ability to hear commands and respond accordingly in order to win the game.

In Spanish Class, spend this month reviewing the foundations such as greetings and numbers, as well as building up on that foundation. They will learn through several different formats in order to reinforce the same information.

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

Music

Welcome "Bach" to school! I hope you and your families had a wonderful summer vacation. I am looking forward to another year teaching music at ACE and getting to know your students while sharing my love of music with them while teaching basic principles of music.

Behavior and participation are the two main components students are graded on in music. I expect students to be on their best behavior so everyone has an equal chance at learning in music. I also expect everyone to try in music class. We may not all be the best instrumentalists or vocalists, but I ask that students try their best at the different areas of music I introduce them to.

I have a brand new lineup of Composers for our Composer of the Month curriculum. We will listen to and watch famous compositions and learn interesting facts about each composer. September's composer of the month is Johann Sebastian Bach.

This month in Music Class:

- Students will practice the procedures of entering and exiting quickly and quietly
- Students will learn songs to begin and end class with
- Students will make connections between music and other academic areas (Math, Language, Science, History, and Reading)
- Students will explore our Composer of the Month, J.S. Bach

STEAM

We are off to a great start in the STEAM lab! This month elementary students will be exploring force, center of gravity and geometry as we build various structures. We are using the engineering design process and learning to change our words from "this is hard, I can't do it" to "what can I change in my design to make it work better".

I am so proud of how hard all of the students are working and how they have embraced this integrated method of learning.

Science 4

We will start with a general look at all Living Things in Chapter 1 before looking specifically at Insects and Spiders in Chapter 2. Students will learn the basics of scientific inquiry and experiments with at least 2 to 3 activities or explorations per chapter. On 9/20, students will practice oral presentation skills with a long-term project that will be presented on 9/12 with the requirements and a rubric.

9/12 Chapter 1 Quiz 1.1
9/18 Chapter 1 Quiz 1.2
9/28 Chapter 1 Test

Art

Welcome everyone to a new year of art. My goal for this year is for our students to learn to observe the beauty of God's creation around them, and to use their imagination to create their masterpiece.

Our focus for the first couple of weeks would be to learn how to quietly enter and exit the classroom, how to sit properly on the carpet and their stool, how to distribute art supplies and collect finished projects.

For the month of September, we will focus on some of the Elements of Art like colors, value, lines, shape, and form.

Third Graders will:

- will review the Elements of Art with emphasis on shapes, lines and form
- will learn the difference between shape and form