



SIXTH GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER

2018

Bible

As we turn the corner towards the holiday season and the approaching New Year, the 6th Grade Class will be learning about how to make solid, biblical choices as independent thinkers. As we've learned about many great and not so great examples from Scripture, it is time to reflect on how the choices these figures made, impacted their future in significant ways. I look forward to working with this group as they take hold of the Lord and His promises concerning how to work out His plan in their lives.

History

We will continue studying the rise of European culture as we dive into Chapters 7 and 8.

Chapter 7 - Age of European Exploration:

- Native American Civilizations
- Origins of European Exploration
- Growth and Consequences of European Exploration

Chapter 8 - Europe Colonizes the Americas:

- Colonization on Latin America
- Colonization of North America
- Struggle for Independence

Chapter Test Dates:

- 12/11 Chapter 7 Test
- 12/21 Chapter 8 Test

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)*

Advanced Math

Grade Level 8

Ms. DeGroot

This month in PreAlgebra, students will learn to successfully navigate the following topics from Chapters 5 and 6:

- Arithmetic & Geometric Sequences
- Bases & Operations in Bases
- Rational Numbers
- Decimal Equivalents
- Ration & Rate
- Proportions

Quiz & Test Dates:

- 12/5 - Ch. 5 Test
- 12/19 - Ch. 6 Test

Science

After finishing our first unit study on the Foundations of Life Science, we're skipping to Unit 3 to continue the study on Microbiology and Plant Biology. For the month of December, we'll start looking further into a short chapter on the Microscopic World started in Unit 1 by looking at the Kingdoms Archaeobacteria, Eubacteria, Protista, and Fungi.

Quiz/Test Dates:

- 12/4 Quiz 4-C
- 12/6 Chapter 4 Test
- 12/12 Quiz 9-A
- 12/14 Quiz 9-B
- 12/18 Quiz 9-C
- 12/20 Chapter 9 Test

Technology

This month in Technology class our elementary students will learn about the Gnu Image Manipulation Program, which is similar to Photoshop. We will learn about concepts such as layers and have an overview of some photo editing tools. We will attempt to create a fantastic picture featuring a remote location using a green screen. We will also create an anaglyph-the type of picture viewed through red and blue 3d glasses.

Don't forget your 15 minutes of typing practice each week!

PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be working on expanding their vocabulary as well as learning how Christmas is celebrated in Peru. Students 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.

Math I Grade Level 7 Ms. D

The students take on the challenge of Chapters 4 and 5.

- Decimals
- Learning the point of decimals
- Square Roots
- Problem Solving
- Number Theory
- Factors and Multiples
- Greatest Common Factor
- Least Common Factor

Language

Interestingly, adverbs make actions more descriptive. They actually "add to the verb" and are thus appropriately called "adverbs," usually ending in an "ly." They also describe other adjectives or adverbs. Adverbs are normally frequent mainstays of poetry, which is what students will learn to write in this chapter as well.

Dec. 3. - Grammar TEST for Chapter 5 (Please check calendar for details.)

Dec. 7 - Spelling Test 12

Dec. 7 - Reading Quiz 6 "Arthur" Book 2 Ch. 1-4

Dec. 10 - Rough Draft DUE: Creating Poetry from Prose

Dec. 14 - Spelling Test 13

Dec. 14 - Reading Quiz 7 "Arthur" Book 2 Ch. 5-8

Dec. 17 - Grammar TEST for Chapter 6 (Please check calendar for details.)

Dec. 17 - FINAL Draft DUE: Creating Poetry from Prose

Dec. 21 - No spelling test

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.

Sixth Graders will use "Sleeping Gypsy" as their inspiration for this project.

Music

*"Let us have music for Christmas...
Sound the trumpet of joy and rebirth;
Let each of us try, with a song in our hearts,
To bring peace to men on earth."
~ Mildred L. Jarrell*

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.

STEAM

In November we read Where the Wild Things Are and using engineering to design several solutions to problems Maxx encounters. We also worked on Chihuly sculptures. December is all about Christmas in the STEAM lab! We will be working on some secret steam surprises along with some winter themed challenges.