

ACE NEWS

1st Grade Newsletter | October 2019

Music

This month in Music we will introduce students to the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

We will also learn:

- Dynamics
- Tempo
- The life and music of Mozart
- The notes : D E F G A B C D E

Technology

This month, students will learn basic video editing. They will import videos, crop, trim clips, add titles, add music, and transition from one clip to another. Students will also have 15 minutes of typing homework per week.

PE

Now that we have learned about stretching and warming up, we are ready to get in the game! Last month we had a fun time with our team building games. This month, we will start our soccer series, learning a new fundamental each week, culminating in a scrimmage at the end of the month.

Art

In Art, students will be learning about Vincent Van Gogh and his style of art. Using different types of medium, students will be creating artwork tailored to their age group.

Spanish

In Spanish, lower elementary will be working on their numbers and colors.



Happy Fall!

Can you believe it's already October? Your children are adjusting well to the new challenges and responsibility of being elementary students and we are having fun learning together.

Please check your child's red folder each night and remember to return it to school each morning. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at missharding@myschoolace.com or mrthompson@myschoolace.com.

Language

Reading

We will conclude our study of *Tigers at Twilight* by Mary Pope Osborne with a research project. Students will research an endangered animal and present their findings with a decorated representation of the animal they researched. Students will then begin a new book later in the month. We will focus our reading on developing both reading and comprehension skills. There will be reading pages and comprehension questions assigned throughout the week.

Writing/Grammar

This month we will cover identifying different types of sentences and nouns. Language tests are on Monday, October 7, Tuesday, October 15, and Monday, October 26.

Spelling

Spelling lists will include challenging words pulled from various subjects. New lists are handed out on Fridays and tested the following Friday of each week.



Upcoming Events

October 1

Students need to bring jackets to school daily starting today

October 4

Interims go home as needed

October 8

AAP Parent Meeting, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
(Parents Only Please)

October 11

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

October 14

Columbus Day Holiday - No School

October 25

AAP request deadline

October 29

End of 1st Quarter
Parents Schedule Conferences
Online

October 31

Casual Day (*students may wear modest casual clothing to school - no costumes please*)

November 1

Picture Retake Day

November 1

Report cards go home

November 4-5

Parent/Teacher Conferences
(Parents Only Please)
No School for Students

November 8

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

Bible Verses & Stories

We will learn the following stories:

- The first sin
- God promises a Savior
- Slaves in Egypt
- God's plan for His people
- God's plan for Moses

Math 2

During this month, students will work a lot with understanding place values in order to begin double digit addition and subtraction. It is so important that they understand the concept of place value, as this will greatly enhance their grasp of many math concepts moving forward.

- October 2 - Ch. 3 Quiz
- October 9 - Ch. 3 Test
- October 11 - Ch. 4 Quiz
- October 16 - Ch. 4 Test
- October 22 - Ch. 5 Quiz
- October 30 - Ch. 5 Test

Science

This month your child will be planting seeds of knowledge that grow forever! We will also be planting lima bean seeds. As the students focus on the life cycle of a plant, they will be able to identify and describe the parts, jobs, and needs of a plant and its seeds. Each child will take home their very own lima bean plant that they have grown.

- October 3 - Chapter 2 Test
- October 24 - Chapter 3 Test

History

This month in History, students will focus on the following topics:

- Laws, elections, voting, and responsible citizens
 - National symbols, landmarks, and becoming a citizen
 - Climate, jobs, landforms, bodies of water, and Crater Lake National Park
 - Maps and America's neighbors
 - Natural resources
 - Native American artifacts
- October 15 - Chapter 3 Test
 - October 29 - Chapter 4 Test

STEAM

We are off and running in STEAM! We have been learning about the environment and why the intended uses of our design matter. Weather, material availability, and the forces around us all affect whether a plan will work. We are continuing to learn about the engineering design process and are working on the best way to document our designs and testing results.