



FOURTH GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

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2018

Welcome

With the winter chill outside and snow days already behind us, there are warm joyous sounds of Christmas music wafting through the hallways with a simmering anticipation of the "most wonderful time of the year!" Our class is practicing for the Christmas Program! Don't miss it on Friday, December 21st as it's sure to put you in the happy holiday mood. More information about our class party immediately after the program will also be sent home soon. Even with all the excitement, we are still diligently working to master the challenging contents in all the classes and focusing on learning discernment about when to play and when to work. Please keep practicing good study and homework habits at home, and let's end 2018 on a strong academic standing. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the 4th grade families!

Advanced Math Grade Level 6 Mrs. Johnstone

The beginning of December finds us continuing to work through fractions and then we'll switch gears to Geometric figures, which is a long chapter that will be continued in January. Keep reviewing each night and completing the homework assignments for long-term retention.

- 12/6 Quiz 5.1
- 12/12 Chapter 5 Test

Bible

This month in Bible, we will focus on the following topics and verses:

- The Crucifixion of Christ
Psalm 1:1-2
- The Resurrection of Christ
Psalm 1:3-4
- Who is the Holy Spirit?
Psalm 1:5-6

As we're getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at the end of the month, our class will be learning the reasons for his coming to earth with the powerful stories of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will discuss character traits such as meekness, thankfulness, and courtesy.

Don't forget to recite your verses and get a signature on your record sheet every Thursday evening. Content and Verse Quizzes are on Fridays.

Math I Grade Level 5 Mr. Zellner

November will mainly cover Chapter 5, which discusses division in various operations. This will be a useful skill for project preparation, dividing up large tasks and chunks of work time (Example: 25 pp. / day to finish novel by Dec. 1).

Nov. 14 - Math 5 TEST 5 (See calendar for details.)
Nov. 28 - Math 5 Quiz 5 (See calendar for details.)

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)*

Science

With the weather affecting our daily lives during winter, it's interesting to study about the weather and climate in December. Students will practice process skills of measuring, collecting & recording data, and interpreting & analyzing observations/data with a long-term weather observations project. Who knows? May be one of our 4th graders will grow up to become a meteorologist!

Test/Quiz Dates:

- 12/7 Quiz 5-D
- 12/13 Chapter 5 Test
- 12/19 Quiz 6-A

History

4th grade will begin studying the Civil War! We have studied the early Americans as they debated, compromised and struggled with the issue of slavery and the balance of power in the government. These struggles will come to a head as North and South fight for their convictions on the battlefield.

- Strategies of Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee
- Hardships of the War
- Abraham Lincoln's Presidency
- Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States
- The Battle of Gettysburg
- Reconstruction Era

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.

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.

Language

This month in Language, we will focus our efforts on:

- Completing our study of Verbs
- Poetry
- Oral Presentation of Poetry

We will finish our chapter book, *The Black Stallion*, and do activities to aid in our understanding of the book.

Spelling Tests are on Fridays.

Quiz/Test Dates:

- 12/3 - Ch. 5 Test
- 12/17 - Ch. 6 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.

The Fourth Graders will do their own rendition of Rousseau's "Toucan in the Jungle."

STEAM

The STEAM lab has been busy as the students built Turkey Traps and 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.

Technology

This month in Technology class our elementary students will continue learning about the Gnu Image Manipulation Program, 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.