



# FIRST GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

# NEWSLETTER

# SEPTEMBER

# 2018

## Welcome

WELCOME TO 2018-2019  
SCHOOL YEAR AT ACE!

We so thrilled to have your student in our first grade homeroom and are very excited to get started!

We are looking forward to an exciting and educationally challenging year for our students as well as getting to know them and you. We are firm believers in keeping a strong, open line of communication between home and school because we have someone in common, your child.

Since you are your child's first teacher, please give us a glimpse of who he or she really is. Would you write/email us a short note about what makes your child amazing, what he or she struggles with, and what are his or her hobbies and special talents. No judgement here about your writing or grammar, we are only interested in what makes your child 'tick'. This will be confidential, for our eyes only.

We strongly believe that students learn best when there is a caring, trusting, and happy environment in the classroom.

Thank you for trusting us with your child this year, and for taking the time to tell us about him or her.

## First Grade Test Dates:

Bible 1 Tests:

- 9/14
- 9/21

Spelling Tests:

- 9/14
- 9/21

Math 2 Chapter Test:

- 9/19

Advanced Math 3 Tests:

- 9/12 - Ch. 1
- 9/26 - Ch. 2

History:

- 9/18

Science Test:

- 9/20

## 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.

## Upcoming Events

### September 10

Hot Lunch Options Begin

### September 10

After School Clubs Begin

### September 12

Picture Day

### September 13

Informational meeting for AAP, CogAT, NNAT for all 1st and 2nd Grade Parents, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. *(Parents only, please)*

### 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

### October 31

End of First Quarter

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Casual Day *(students may wear casual clothing, no costumes please)*

## 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

## History

This month, students will learn about the creation of the world and mankind. Students will learn about the Biblical origins of different languages, why people moved around the globe, and why suffering exists. Students will also learn the continents and the ocean names. Students will be able to locate the North and South Poles and the equator. Students will begin to learn about what makes up a community (ex. fire personnel).

## Science

This month in Science, students will learn about what scientists do, what living things do and how plants grow.

## Advanced Math Grade Level 3

Mrs. Pashby

This month students will learn the following:

- Addition and subtraction facts and problem solving
- Place value to 1,000,000
- Addition and subtraction with 2- and 3-digit numbers

## Technology

This month in Technology the First and Second grade students will memorize their usernames and passwords in order to quickly log in for Typing and Spanish.

## 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.*

## 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. First Graders will:

- will review the color theory
- will focus on warm and cool colors