



SECOND GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

MARCH

2019

Welcome

Happy February! Let us celebrate love this month. We will have class parties on Thursday, February 14th to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have at mrthompson@myschoolace.com OR mrspashby@myschoolace.com.

Language

This month in Language, we will learn about:

- Present & Past Linking Verbs
- Contractions
- Suffixes – Verbs to Nouns
- Pronouns: subject, object, possessive
- Homophones
- Writing a Poem

Students will begin *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, A novel by C.S. Lewis. During WWII, four children are sent to the country to be safe. During their stay at a professor's house they are transported to a magical world called Narnia. The children will enjoy a fantasy fiction about betrayal and forgiveness. The students will be tested on comprehension.

Test Dates:

- 3/4
- 3/18

Bible

This month in Bible, we will cover the following stories:

- Time to Leave Egypt
- Pharaoh Changes His Mind
- Pharaoh's Army Destroyed
- Remembering What God Has Done

Bible Verses:

- Psalm 119:9-16
- 1 John 4:7-8

Science

Students will become meteorologists this month as they study the weather by using tools to measure and record data. They will use weather-watching techniques in attempt to predict the forecast. By the end of the chapter, students will learn how to stay safe during severe weather, as they will be able to decipher between forms of precipitation, names of clouds, and weather tools.

Test dates:

- 3/7 – Ch. 8 Test
- 3/28 – Ch. 9 Test

Art

This month we will learn all about weaving. Second Graders will paint Kandinsky Circles on a paper plate that they will use as a loom for their weaving project.

Upcoming Events

March 1

Interims go home as needed

March 8

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

March 25

NNAT II Test for 1st Grade Students

March 29

End of the Third Quarter

March 29

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

April 1-5

Standardized Testing

April 3

Report Cards Go Home

April 12

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

April 12

Easter Dress-Up Day

April 15-19

EASTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

April 21

Celebrate Easter! Christ Lives!

April 22

School Resumes

April 30

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

Music

This month in Music Class students will:

- begin learning music for the Spring Program
- continue the Recorder Karate curriculum which emphasizes:
 - Steady beat
 - Rhythm; quarter notes/ rests, half notes/rests, whole notes/rests, dotted quarter notes
 - Reading the note names on the staff
 - Good musicianship; listening to others play and being a good audience member, performance skills in front of peers
- continue to incorporate movement into music with individual motions, games, and partner dances
- study our composer of the month, Clara Schumann

Homework: Students are expected to practice 20 minutes per 7 day week for the Recorder Karate Curriculum. Students are expected to bring their recorders and recorder folders to music every music class for a participation grade.

Advanced Math Grade Level 4 Mr. Thompson

This month, we will learn to successfully navigate:

- Data and Graphs
- Pictographs and bar graphs
- Double bar graphs
- Line graphs
- Coordinate graphs
- Line plots and Stem and Leaf plots
- Logic, Create Graphs
- Inches and feet
- Length and distance
- Renaming measurements
- Weight, Capacity, Temperature
- Time: AM and PM (before and after the hour)
- Elapsed time, calendar, and Roman Numerals

Test Dates:
• 2/13 - Ch. 9

Math I Grade Level 3 Mrs. Pashby

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- Counting Money
- Equivalent Money
- Adding & Subtracting Money
- Multi-Step Word Problems
- Renaming Money
- Purchases
- Counting Change
- Polygons
- Circles
- Similar, Congruent, Symmetric
- Slide, Flip, Turn
- Venn Diagram
- Plane & Solid Figures

Test dates:
• 3/6 – Ch. 13 Test
• 3/13 – Ch. 14 Test
• 3/27 – Ch. 15 Test

PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be working on reading paragraphs and using context clues and their previous vocabulary to translate and answer questions.

This month in PE, in students will be learning the basics of basketball, including how to dribble, pass, play as a team, and communicate.

STEAM

In February, we focused on learning coding concepts by using paper coding, Beebot robots, and Osmo coding on the iPads.

In March we will change our focus and start looking at real-life situations such as how to build an earthquake proof building, and how to best drop an aid package into a hurricane zone.

History

This month in History, students will learn about the following:

- Harrison, Tyler, and Polk
- Manifest Destiny
- Mexican American War and US victory
- Results of the War
- California Gold Rush
- Compromise of 1850
- Runaway Slaves
- Division over Slavery
- Slavery: Points of View

Test dates:
• 3/19 Chapter 8 Test

Technology

This month in Technology class the Lower Elementary classes will learn about the Scratch programming language. Coding with Scratch is fun and exciting. We will learn about controlling a character using loops, movement blocks, variables and events.

Don't forget to practice typing for 15 minutes each week!