



# SIXTH GRADE Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

# SEPTEMBER 2018

## Welcome

Well, we have officially begun a new school year, and for sixth grade Bible, we are focused on "Winning the Race" set before us! All of our lessons will center on developing Christ-like character, and following the way of Jesus. We will study many Biblical heroes in the months to come, but for September we will study the Bible itself! To help embrace the Scriptures as the guide for life, we will study how the Scriptures are the written Word of God that points us to the living Word of God! I look forward to working with our sixth grade class, and I expect us to grow in excellence as the year continues!

## Science

Welcome to the exciting world of Life Science! In this challenging class, you will start the year off with a short but solid review of the scientific process and the basics of worldview in the first chapter before delving into the Characteristics and Classification of Life. Expect hands-on class investigations and a long-term project that will take several weeks to complete during the month of September!

- 9/13 Chapter 1 Test

## Upcoming Events

### September 10

Hot Lunch Options Begin

### September 10

After School Clubs Begin

### September 12

Picture Day

### 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

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

## Math I Grade Level 8 Ms. DeGroot

We are setting the foundations this month for more complex functions to come in Pre-Algebra. Students will review and master the concepts of:

- Adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing integers
- Exponents
- Order of Operations
- Scientific Notation
- Properties of addition and multiplication
- Expressions

9/13 Quiz 1.5 & 1.6

9/19 Chapter 1 Test

9/26 Quiz 2.3 & 2.4

## History

World Studies picks up where students left off last year! Our first chapter reviews ancient history from creation to 1,000 AD. Students will then study world history from 1,000 AD to present time over the course of the year. Students will gain note taking skills and critical thinking through discussion.

- Creation, Fall, Flood and Redemption
- Abrahamic, Mosaic, and Davidic Covenants
- The Coming of Christ and Spread of Christianity
- The Rise of Islam

## Language

Robbin' the rich to feed the poor is what Robin Hood is famous for. Throughout this month, our class will get to know the green-clad vigilante from an insider's perspective, as we read *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. We will also study basic sentence structure and how to utilize grammar skills to create textually and literally colorful book jackets as well.

Sept. 7 - Spelling Test 1  
Sept. 14 - Spelling Test 2  
Sept. 14 - Multiple Choice Reading Quiz on Robin Hood Prologue - Ch. 5  
Sept. 17 - Grammar Test 1 - Punctuation, Sentence Types, Proper Structure  
Sept. 21 - Spelling Test 3  
Sept. 24 - Book Jacket Rough Draft due  
Sept. 28 - Spelling Test 4  
Sept. 28 - Multiple Choice Reading Quiz Ch. 6 - 10

## 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.

Sixth Graders will:

- review Elements of Art focusing on lines, shapes, and textures.
- learn zentangle and create their own designs

## 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.

We will begin music in the Toddler classroom for at least the first half of the year to offer a developmentally appropriate experience in until students become more accustomed to the school and what a school day looks and feels like. Students will learn songs to begin and end music class with.

## 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.

## 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.

## Technology

This month in Technology the Upper Elementary students will learn about using technology responsibly, learn to effectively use the apps on their iPads, and will practice their touch typing skills. The iPad apps we will focus on are Mail, Google Docs, Duolingo, and Google Drive.