



PRESCHOOL

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Dear Parents,
We would like to welcome you and your children to our preschool class!
We are thrilled about the new opportunities God is going to offer us this school year to fostering our students a desire to develop character and curiosity in a collaborative classroom. It is our deepest desire to prepare and inspire every child in our class to reach his/her full potential in order to succeed in preschool and beyond. Again, welcome to ACE and thank you for choosing our school for your child's early childhood education. We appreciate the trust you have placed in our school. We are looking forward to a FANTASTIC year!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have at
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Language

This month, we will focus on the language concepts:

- Name recognition
- Rhyming
- Sequencing
- Matching letters to name
- Alike/different

Bible

We will learn the following verses this September:

- Genesis 1:1
- John 1:3

We will be learning stories about:

- God's creation
- Adam & Eve
- Noah
- God's promise
- Isaac the promise
- Bride for Isaac

Science

This month, we will focus on the science concepts:

- Our five senses
- Sounds
- Weather conditions
- Human life cycle

Math

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- Sorting by color
- Long, short, tall
- More/fewer
- First, next, last
- Front, back, up and down
- Shapes
- Number recognition
- Non standard measurement
- Traffic light colors

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)*

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 music quickly and quietly
- Students will learn songs to begin and end music class with
- Students will begin using songs to learn their classmates names

Technology

This month in Technology the Preschool class will learn about mouse skills. Students will learn how to move their mouse, how to keep their mouse on their mousepad, and how to left click. They will use their mouse skills to open Photo Booth and take their own picture with a variety of fun filters. After that we will move on to an online program called Reading Eggs. The students will simultaneously practice mouse skills, letter recognition, letter sounds, phonics, blends, and sight words.

STEAM

We are off to a great start in the STEAM lab!

Kindergarten students are reading fairy tales and using the “problem” in the story as the basis of our STEAM challenges. Building a chair to support Baby Bear’s weight, learning about shapes and symmetry when we build Cinderella’s castle and testing which of the three little pigs houses can withstand the Wolf’s huffing and puffing are just some of the fun activities we have planned to get us started in our quest to think like engineers!

I am so proud of how hard all of the students are working and how they have embraced this integrated method of learning.

Social Development

Socially, students are learning about:

- Helping others
- Communication
- Kindness & friendliness
- God made me
- God made me special
- Compassion and self concept
- Thankfulness to God and others
- Cultural diversity
- Family members (Mom, Dad, Siblings and grandparents)
- Caring for animals
- Taking turns

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. Preschoolers will:

- learn primary and secondary colors
- listen to Leo Leonna’s book, “A Color of His Own”
- draw and color a chameleon using crayons