



# FIRST GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

# NEWSLETTER

# DECEMBER

# 2018

## Welcome

December is an exciting month. We will be preparing for our Christmas Program. Our program is Friday December 21. The children are so excited to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We would like to wish you and your family and very Merry Christmas.

## Math I Grade Level 2

Ms. Kim | Mrs. Francis

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- Types of Graphs
- Standard Measurements  
Weights & Lengths

Test dates:

- 12/5
- 12/12

## 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)*

## Technology

This month in Technology class our elementary students will learn about the Gnu Image Manipulation Program, which is 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.

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

## Language

This month in Language, we will study:

- Capitalization Rules - Proper Nouns
- Abbreviations
- Possessive
- Pronouns

We begin *A Grain of Rice*, written by Helena Pittman. *A Grain of Rice* is a mathematical folktale about a clever farmer and how he outwits the Emperor of China and become the wealthiest man - all with a single grain of rice.

Test dates:

- 12/10

## 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.

## Bible

This December in Bible, will be learning about the special message an angel gave Mary, and the Birth of Jesus.

Character trait:

- Joyful Kindness

The students will be tested on verses:

- Luke 1:49
- Luke 2:7

Tests will be fill-in the blanks/ multiple choice format.

## PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be working on expanding their vocabulary as well as learning how Christmas is celebrated in Peru. Younger levels will start on Duolingo while older grades 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.

## 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.

## History

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

- Three levels of government
- Laws
- Elections
- Voting
- Responsible citizens
- National symbols
- Landmarks
- Becoming a citizen
- Climate and jobs
- Landforms
- Bodies of water
- Crater Lake National Park
- Reading maps
- America's neighbors

## 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.

First Graders will use the "Two Monkeys in the Jungle" painting to do their interpretation of monkeys in the jungle.

## Advanced Math Grade Level 3

Mrs. Pashby

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- Multiply up to 5
- Commutative Property
- Missing Factor
- Division up to 5

Test dates:

- 11/14 – Ch. 6 Test

## Science

In this chapter, we will follow clues to infer what fossils show us about an animal's size, speed, and behavior. Students will create a model of a dinosaur skeleton.

Test dates:

- 12/20 – Ch. 5 Test