



SENIOR KINDERGARTEN Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

Welcome

Happy Fall! The Senior Kindergarten Students are doing a wonderful job acclimating to the routine and schedule of school this year! We are learning and having fun together!

Please remember to check your child's red folder each night and return it to school each day.

If you have any questions or concerns – or if there is any way we can be of service to you and your family, please do not hesitate to contact us at: mrsgazes@myschoolace.com, or missterling@myschoolace.com

STEAM

Kindergarten students had a great time building chairs for Baby Bear's, using tangram blocks to build a castle for Cinderella, and building each of the three little pigs houses to see which could withstand the Wolf's huffing and puffing, along with making parachute's for Jack to escape from the Giant.

Using fairytales, we identified problems, brainstormed ideas, and built and tested different solutions to the problems.

In October we will be building mini hovercrafts, making weight-bearing spider webs, and making David's slingshot pouch.

Upcoming Events

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 31

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

Parents Schedule Conferences
Online

November 2

Report Cards go home

November 5 -6

Parent/ Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL

November 7

Picture Retake Day

November 9

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

November 19 - 23

Thanksgiving Holiday -
NO SCHOOL

Math

In math we will continue to review what we have learned and will introduce the following:

- Count by 1s, 5s, 10s to 100
- Addition families 1-6
- Number words one - twenty
- "After" and "ordinal" numbers
- Greater than/less than
- Pattern sequencing and bar graphs
- Story problems
- Penny, dime and nickel
- Adding mixed coins
- Calendar and one week is seven days
- Subtraction families 1-5

Homework

The maximum amount of homework normally assigned is 20-25 minutes per day. This does not include classroom that needs corrections.

Reading Homework: As assigned.

Math Flashcards: Review as new families are introduced.

Spelling List: New spelling lists are sent home every Thursday.

Bible

Our Bible verses this September are:

- “O” Verse: Romans 118:1
- “U” Verse: Psalm 75:1
- “B” Verse: Acts 16:31
- “C” Verse: Ephesians 6:1

We will learn the following stories:

- Enoch
- Noah
- The Tower of Babel
- God Calling Abraham

Art

October is *Children in Art Month*. We will learn why parents from long ago would commission artists to paint portraits of their children. We will compare the difference between modern day portrait painting with that of long time ago.

Senior Kindergarteners will learn the rules of drawing a portrait and will create a portrait of themselves.

Music

“Where words fail, music speaks.” - Hans Christian Andersen

October is an exciting month in music because students have started to establish the routine of our music schedule and we can dig deeper into concepts that were introduced in September. Students will also be introduced to Christmas Program music in mid-October. While it may seem early, because we only meet once a week, it is necessary!

During the month of October, students will:

- During the month of October, students will:
- identify the October Composer of the Month, Joseph Haydn
- listen to music by Joseph Haydn
- identify the difference between high and low pitch
- identify fast, slow, and steady beat
- demonstrate steady beat / rhythm
- begin to learn Christmas Program music

Social Studies

This month in Social Studies we will cover:

- Our Community
- Your State
- Your Country

PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be working on vocabulary. This month we are also learning about and exploring the country of Mexico!

This month in PE, students will be working on games that enhance their gross motor skills. They will be focusing on target games working on how to think through challenges and using teamwork!

Penmanship

We will continue practicing good writing habits and cursive keystrokes. We will be working on letter formation, slant, size, and touching the lines.

Technology

After getting a great start in September Senior Kindergarten will continue to practice touch typing. We will also learn spreadsheet basics such as cell, columns, rows, and making a simple graph.

Letters / Phonics

In Phonics we will:

- Review Special Sound charts 6 and 7
- Compound words
- Opposites
- Capitalization rules
- Syllables
- “CK” rule

Spelling

Please help your child memorize the complete spelling list. Students will be tested the following Thursday after they have been given a new list to learn.

- October 4th – List 1
- October 11th – List 2
- October 18th – List 3
- October 25th – List 4