



FOURTH GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

MARCH

2019

Welcome

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm on your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, May God hold you in
the palm of His hand.

May God be with you and bless you,
May you see your children's children.
May you be poor misfortune,
Rich in blessings,
May you know nothing but happiness from this
day forward.

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind always be at your back,
May the warm rays of sun fall upon your home,
And may the hand of a friend always be near.

May green be the grass you walk on,
May blue be the sky above you,
May pure be the joys that surround you,
May true be the hearts that love you.

May this traditional Irish blessing
bring you joy as we welcome
spring together!

Math I Grade Level 5

Mr. Zellner

Fractions are revisited in with a focus on running them through the basic operations of addition and subtraction, including manipulations of denominators and numerators to make these possible. Chapter 10 introduces concepts for equations in anticipation of eventual use for algebra in upper grades.

Feb. 6 - Math 5 TEST 10 (See calendar notes for details.)

Feb. 13 - Math 5 Quiz 10 (See calendar notes for topics covered.)

Feb. 20 - Math 5 TEST 11 (See calendar notes for details.)

Math 5 Quiz 11 (See calendar notes for topics covered.)

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)

Advanced Math

Grade Level 6

Mrs. Johnstone

In March, we'll continue Chapter 9: Dividing Decimals with emphasis on multi-step word problems. If students struggled with fractions and decimals, it's a good idea to review previous chapters as we will not go over the basics that we already covered in the fall. Toward the end of the month, we'll be going into manipulating expressions and equations.

- 3/6 Quiz 9.1
- 3/13 Quiz 9.2
- 3/20 Chapter 9 Test

Bible

In March, students will learn how to develop godly characters such as obedience to authority, make wise life choices, and learn to trust God with every area of their lives. Quizzes on Fridays.

This month in Bible, we will focus on the following:

- 3/8 - Learning to Obey
Quiz: John 1:7-8
- 3/15 - Learning to Trust God
Quiz: John 1:1-8
- 3/22 - A Forgiving Spirit
Quiz: John 1:9-10
- 3/27 - Making wise choices
Quiz: John 1:11-12

Language

This month in Language, we will focus our efforts on Ch. 10 & 11:

- Writing Book Reports
- Present, Past, and Perfect Verb Tenses
- Helping and Irregular Verbs

We have begun our next our chapter book, *Mary Poppins*, by P.L. Travers. *Mary Poppins* is a delightful tale of a young family and their mysterious nanny in early 20th century England. We will focus our studies on reading comprehension.

Spelling Tests are on Fridays.

Quiz/Test Dates:

- 3/11 Ch. 10 Test
- 3/22 Irregular Verb Quiz
- 3/29 Ch. 11 Test

History

4th Grade enjoyed dressing up as famous people from the Civil War era. We heard presentations from Abraham Lincoln, Stonewall Jackson, Harriet Tubman and many others! This month we will study the first half of the 1900s including inventions and the economy of the 1920s, dictators and democracy in the world, and causes and US involvement in World War II.

- Roaring 20s and the Depressing 30s
- Rulers with Iron Fists
- The Second World War

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
- study our composer of the month, Clara Schumann

Homework: Students are expected to practice 25 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.

Art

This month we will learn all about weaving.

Fourth Graders will paint a landscape design on a paper plate and weave a tree in front of this landscape.

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.

Technology

This month in Technology class the Upper 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. Students will create a game and be able to explain how their game functions.

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.

Science

After completing our unit on ecosystem at the end of February, we'll switch gear into physical sciences of waves of energy in sound and light forms for all of March.

Test/Quiz Dates:

- 3/6 Quiz 9-B
- 3/11 Quiz 9-C
- 3/14 Ch 9 Test
- 3/19 Quiz 10-B
- 3/25 Quiz 10-C
- 3/28 Ch 10 Test