



# SECOND GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

# NEWSLETTER

# OCTOBER

# 2018

## Welcome

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have at [mrthompson@myschoolace.com](mailto:mrthompson@myschoolace.com) OR [mrspashby@myschoolace.com](mailto:mrspashby@myschoolace.com).

## Bible

This month in Bible, we will cover the following Bible stories:

- The Garden of Eden
- The First Sin
- God Promises a Savior
- Slaves in Egypt
- God's Plan for His People

## Science

This month, the students will learn to:

- Identify birds and mammals
- Describe how humans differ from mammals
- Differentiate between learned behaviors and instincts
- Explain the process of photosynthesis in plants
- Demonstrate how to measure length and distance
- Recognize how plants are used by animals and people

Test dates:

- 10/11 - Ch. 2
- 11/01 - Ch. 3

## Language

This month in Language, we will learn about:

- Nouns – singular/plural, possessive
- Abbreviations
- Quotation Marks
- Special Plurals
- Comma rules

Students will learn how to write a narrative and follow required steps to revise their work.

Students will continue to read *Little House on the Prairie*. The students will be tested on comprehension and will discuss and answer chapter study questions. Children will have fun with activities related to the story.

## Math | Grade Level 3

Mrs. Pashby

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- 4-,5-Digit Addition & Subtraction with Renaming
- Charts & Tables
- Line Plot
- Bar, Coordinate, & Circle Graph
- Rounding
- Compare & Order
- Missing Addend Problems

Test dates:

- 10/10 - Ch. 3
- 10/17 - Ch. 4
- 10/31 - Ch. 5

## 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

## 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:

- identify the October Composer of the Month, Joseph Haydn
- listen to music by Joseph Haydn
- identify and demonstrate accented beat / rhythm using ta/ti-ti/ta-a/ta-a-a-a
- identify and demonstrate high-middle-low pitch using so/la/mi/do
- identify ABA form

## 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.

Second Graders will get their inspiration from Diego Rivera's painting of "An Indian Girl on a yellow mat."

## History

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

- Electoral College
- Evangelical Christianity
- Executive Branch
- State and Local Government
- Washington, DC
- Precedents of President Washington
- Political Parties
- American Government
- Natural Resources
- Louisiana Territory
- Lewis and Clark
- Branches of Government
- Democracy
- Thomas Jefferson

Test dates:

- 10/16 Chapter 2 Test
- 11/13 Chapter 3 Test

## Technology

Second Graders will continue to practice touch typing. They will learn spreadsheet vocabulary, simple formulas, and graphs.

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

## 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!

## Advanced Math

### Grade Level 4

Mr. Thompson

This month, we will learn to successfully navigate the math concepts:

- Subtract Money
- Estimating Numbers
- Types of Subtraction
- Word Problem
- Parts of a whole
- Parts of a set
- Fraction of a set
- Compare and Order Fractions
- Add and Subtract Fractions
- Mixed Numbers (Add and Subtract)
- Fractional Parts
- Multiplication
- Division
- Related Facts

Test dates:

- 10/10 Ch. 2 Test
- 10/24 Ch. 3 Test

## STEAM

We are having a blast in the STEAM lab! Elementary students figured out how to support the weight of a bible with only one piece of paper, created gliders in the shape of various leaves, and built acorn chutes. In the next few weeks we will be building towers out of newspapers to replicate famous towers from around the world, designing elevators to lift pumpkins, building a pumpkin catapult and combining art and math to create some incredible Autumn paintings.