



# SENIOR KINDERGARTEN Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

# NOVEMBER 2018

## Welcome

November is an exciting month as we prepare for the American Harvest Festival and learn about the very first Thanksgiving.

Please remember to check your child's red folder every evening.

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: [mrs gazes@myschoolace.com](mailto:mrs gazes@myschoolace.com), or [misssterling@myschoolace.com](mailto:misssterling@myschoolace.com)

## Bible

Our Bible verses this September are:

- Nov 2nd: "Depart from evil, and do good." Psalm 34:14
- Nov 9th: "Fear not: for I am with thee." Isaiah 43:5
- Nov 16th: "God is love" 1 John 4:8
- Nov 30th: "Honor thy father and thy mother." Exodus 20:12

We will learn the following stories:

- Jacob
- Joseph
- The First Thanksgiving

## Upcoming Events

### 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

### November 26

School Resumes

### November 30

Casual Day (students may wear modest, casual clothing to school)

### 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

## Letters / Phonics

In Phonics we will:

- Review Special Sounds Charts 6, 7, & 8
- Introduce Special Sounds Charts 9
- Identify and circle special sounds
- Review opposite words
- Capitalization rules
- Syllables and syllable rules
- Root words and suffixes
- Suffix: s

## 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 Thursdays

## Penmanship

Students will learn capital cursive letters as well as practice lowercase letters and numbers. They will work on connecting letters as well as writing blends, words, sentences, special sounds and clue words. They will continue to work on slant, size, formation, and touching lines. Penmanship tests are Tuesdays.

## Math

Math Students will focus on mastering the following math concepts this November:

- Telling time to the hour and half hour
- Finding greatest and least numbers
- Place value, ones, tens, hundreds
- Addition families 8-9
- Subtraction families 8-9
- Counting by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s to 100 and back.
- Combining dimes, pennies, nickels
- Odd/even numbers
- Before/after/between numbers
- Using a ruler
- Story Problems
- Practice math facts daily

## STEAM

Senior Kindergarten had an action packed month in the Steam Lab. After reading *The Most Magnificent Thing*, by Ashley Spires, the students designed and created their own most magnificent things and presented them to the class. We learned about simple machines, specifically levers, and built catapults. We painted scribble watercolors and learned about the chemical reaction that the paint pigment has when it touches water.

In November we will read *Where the Wild Things Are* and will use engineering to design several solutions to problems Maxx encounters.

## Music

November is a time of year that the students will express their thankfulness through song and activities. We will also continue working hard on our Christmas program music, including motions and special readings.

Our November Composer of the month is Ludwig Van Beethoven.

Important Dates:

**Friday, December 7:** Clothing check for Christmas program, details will be sent home soon

**December 21st:** Christmas Program Day (Attendance is mandatory for the Christmas program and counts as a test grade for each student. If your student will not be in attendance for any reason, please let me know ASAP.)

During the month of November, students will:

- Practice Christmas program music and Bible verse
- Learn about Ludwig Van Beethoven and listen to compositions by him
- Continue to explore concepts such as steady beat, rhythm, fast and slow, high and low sounds

## Social Studies

In November we will mainly focus our study on early America in preparation for American Harvest Day:

- Finish Chapter 6: Your Countries Capital
- Chapter 7: Native Americans
- Chapter 8: Christopher Columbus

## PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be continuing to add to their vocabulary and learning how to answer conversational questions. They will also be learning about the country of Argentina.

This month in PE, we will be working on Baseball drills and skills. Students will be learning how to throw and catch a baseball with a glove and basic skills of being in the outfield.

## Technology

In Senior Kindergarten Technology class we will learn about the Gnu Image Manipulation Program. We will learn about some basic photo editing tools and attempt to create a fantastic picture featuring a remote location using a green screen.

## Spelling

The new Spelling list will be sent home every Thursday. Spelling tests will be usually be given on Thursdays as part of their Phonics test.

- November 1st - List 5
- November 8th - List 6
- November 16th - List 7
- November 30th - List 8

## Art

This month we will continue to learn more of the Elements of Art as we focusing on – LINES, SPACE, TEXTURE, COLOR, and PATTERN.

Senior Kindergarteners will focus on lines. They will follow a step-by-step directions for a continuous line project.