



SECOND GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have at mrthompson@myschoolace.com OR mrspashby@myschoolace.com.

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:

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

December 21: 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

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 learn about:

- The Encyclopedia, Atlas and Library
- Parts of a Book
- Story Planning - Problem/ Plot
- Students will continue to write their Persuasive Writing and will follow required steps to revising their work.

Students will finish reading *Little House on the Prairie*, a novel based on the author's childhood in the northern Midwestern United States during the 1870s and 1880s. The students will complete dioramas based on the book.

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)

Math I Grade Level 3

Mrs. Pashby

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- Time to 1 minute
- AM & PM
- Before & After the Hour
- Elapsed Time & Date
- Calendar
- Ounces, Pounds, & Capacity
- Inches, Feet, Length, and Distance
- Temperature

Test dates:

- 12/5 - Ch. 7 Test
- 12/19 - Ch. 8 Test

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

Advanced Math

Grade Level 4

Mr. Thompson

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

- Subtracting 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

Science

In this chapter, we will observe properties of different kinds of matter. Students will use different foods to compare and contrast physical and chemical changes.

Test dates:

- 12/20 – Ch. 5 Test

Bible

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

- Moses is Afraid
- God Gives Moses a Sign
- Moses Speaks to Pharaoh

Bible Verses:

- Ephesians 6:21
- Psalm 119:9-10

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.

PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be continuing to add to their vocabulary as well as 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. They will be learning the basic skills of being in the outfield.

Art

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

Second Graders will focus on SPACE they will learn to recognize positive and negative space.