

ACE NEWS

4th Grade Newsletter | October 2019

Music

This month in Music we will introduce students to the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

We will also learn:

- Dynamics
- Tempo
- The life and music of Mozart
- The notes : D E F G A B C D E

Technology

This month students will learn video editing using their school issued iPads. They will import video, crop, trim clips, add music and sound effects, use slow motion, add titles, use filters, remove green screen, and learn about pictures in picture. Using these skills, students will create and record a skit. The students will also do 15 minutes of typing homework per week.

PE

Now that we have learned about stretching and warming up, all our teammates are ready to get in the game! Last month we had such a fun time with our team building games. This month, we will start our soccer series, learning a new fundamental each week and culminating in a friendly scrimmage at the end of the month.

Spanish

In Spanish, upper elementary will be adding to their vocabulary.



Welcome to Fourth Grade!

As September closes, we fall into routine. Students have reestablished rhythms of homework and studying. I've enjoyed learning together and getting to know each student more. This month, we laid a strong foundation to build upon and completed some fun projects as well!

Language

Reading

The completion of our chapter book, *The Moffats* will culminate with an exciting project before we dive into another classic book. We will begin *The Black Stallion*, by Walter Farley. *The Black Stallion* is an adventurous novel about a young boy who befriends and trains a beautiful, wild stallion. There will be reading and comprehension questions assigned throughout each week. There will also be periodic announced quizzes.

Writing/Grammar

This month we will complete our study of nouns and their forms (possessive, plural, etc.) and move into another writing project. Students will learn the art and style of persuasive writing as they write persuasive letters. We will finish out the month by tackling action and linking verbs, confusing verbs, helping verbs, and contractions.

Spelling

Spelling lists will include challenging words pulled from various subjects. New lists are handed out on Fridays and tested the following Friday of each week. Weekly spelling homework assignments are to be completed in provided Spelling Notebooks and is due each Friday.

Upcoming Events

October 1

Students need to bring jackets to school daily starting today

October 4

Interims go home as needed

October 11

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

October 14

Columbus Day Holiday - No School

October 25

AAP Request Deadline

October 29

End of 1st Quarter
Parents Schedule Conferences
Online

October 31

Casual Day (students may wear modest casual clothing to school - no costumes please)

November 1

Report cards go home

November 1

Picture Retake Day

November 4-5

Parent/Teacher Conferences
(Parents Only Please)
No School for Students

November 8

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

Art

In Art, students will be learning about Vincent Van Gogh and his style of art. Using different types of medium, students will be creating artwork tailored to their age group.

STEAM

We are off and running in STEAM! We have been learning about the environment and why the intended uses of our design matter. Weather, material availability, and the forces around us all affect whether a plan will work. We are continuing to learn about the engineering design process and are working on the best way to document our designs and testing results.

Bible Verses & Stories

We will focus on the historical Life of Jesus as the Messiah, the Promised One, as we study His ministry on earth. The verses will be sent home each week (should be kept in their Homeroom Return to School section along with the Memorization Report Sheet) and the quizzes are usually on Fridays. Each night, students will need to review and memorize the Bible verses. The students will be allowed to take the workbook home with them to study as long as they bring it back each day; this privilege may be revoked if students are not responsible to bring the workbook back to school. However, if they arrive on time, pay attention in class, and actively participate in class discussions, they should not have any trouble with the weekly quizzes.

Week 1 - Who is Jesus Christ? - 1 Corinthians 13:1

Week 2 - Promises Come True - 1 Corinthians 13:2-3

Week 3 - The Boy Jesus - 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Week 4 - Victory Over Temptation - 1 Corinthians 13:6-7

Math 5

This month, we will begin by reviewing number sense (millions, billions period, positive and negative numbers), and learning about adding and subtracting decimals, estimating, one and two-digit multipliers, and various mathematical properties. Math tests are on Wednesdays.

Science

We will dive into the dynamic processes of erosion, weathering, and changes in matter throughout Chapters 3 and 4 in Science this October.

- October 3 - Chapter 3 Quiz
- October 10 - Chapter 3 Test
- October 17 - Chapter 4 Quiz
- October 24 - Chapter 4 Test

History

Fourth grade has mastered the Native American people groups and learned about early explorers. Next, we will cover early American history.

- Founding of the 13 Colonies
- Early forms of government
- Growth of education
- The Great Awakenings
- American Independence and the Revolutionary War

