



FIRST GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

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2018

Welcome

Welcome to November. As the landscape changes so are your students. They have become more comfortable with me and more confident in their daily activities and academics.

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
- Learn and sing songs about being thankful

Math I Grade Level 2

Ms. Kim | Mrs. Francis

Students continue to learn and practice Decomposing and Renaming numbers in order to Subtract. They will learn and practice Problem Solving using Estimation, Tally Charts, Graphs, and Line Plots.

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- Expanded Form, Counting, & Renaming numbers to Add
- Adding up to 3 addends
- Word problem solving
- Decomposing/renaming to subtract
- Subtracting two digit numbers

Test dates:

- 11/14

Bible

The focus in November will be on three young men who made choices to obey or disobey God. These choices, good or bad, influenced the remainder of their lives. Students will learn from these young men the importance of making the correct choices even from this young age.

Students will be tested on Genesis 28:15b & 9:11

Tests will be fill-in the blanks/ multiple choice format.

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

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 study:

- Action Verbs
- Past Verbs
- Now Verbs
- Parts of a Paragraph
- Parts of Writing
- Writing a Narrative

We begin *A Question of Yams*, written by Gloria Repp, a Christian fiction missionary story about the courage a young boy displayed learning to trust the One true God. This story is based on true events.

Test dates:

- 11/12

History

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

- Three levels of government
- Laws
- Elections
- Voting
- Responsible citizens
- National symbols
- Landmarks
- Becoming a citizen
- Climate and jobs
- Landforms
- Bodies of water
- Crater Lake National Park
- Reading maps
- America's neighbors

PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be adding to their vocabulary as well as learning how to answer conversational questions. They will also learn about 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 and the basic skills of being in the outfield.

STEAM

The STEAM lab has been full of energy as the students built pumpkin elevators, catapults and Spider launchers this month. They also used geometry and painted leaves with variegated colors and acute angles.

In the next few weeks we will be focusing on working in groups to use engineering to solve some Thanksgiving related challenges.

Art

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

First Graders will learn a brief history of Vasili Kandinsky. They will do a corn on the cob picture using Kandinsky's circles.

Advanced Math Grade Level 3

Mrs. Pashby

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- Multiply up to 5
- Commutative Property
- Missing Factor
- Division up to 5

Test dates:

- 11/14 – Ch. 6 Test

Science

In this chapter, we will explore land and water habitats. Students will display their understanding of where things live by building a shoebox project that exhibits the homes of animals.

Test dates:

- 11/1 – Ch. 3 Test
- 11/29 – Ch. 4 Test