



# THIRD GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

# NEWSLETTER

# APRIL

# 2019

## Welcome

Well, the Easter Season is upon us! Appropriately, we will begin the month of April with a study of the Resurrection of Jesus and then we will look to the future hope that we have in Him! We certainly have learned a lot over the past several months, but the month of April will have the most to show us so far!

We too celebrate the new life that arises in our hearts through Christ, for Jesus was crucified, dead and buried, yet arose again to new life in three days. It is during this enchanting time of spring that we celebrate Easter and rejoice for our own spiritual rebirth.

## Language

As students finish up their research project, they will spend time talking about adjectives and later gear up for writing a formal business letter. Nonfictional writing becomes an increasing part of their learning, as they develop within upper elementary language courses.

- April 8 - Writing TEST Chapter 12
- April 12 - Spelling Test 25
- April 12 - "Writing a Research Report" FINAL Draft DUE
- April 22 - Grammar Quiz from Ch. 13
- April 26 - Spelling Test 26
- April 29 - Grammar TEST Chapter 13
- May 3 - Spelling Test 27

## Upcoming Events

### April 1-5

Standardized Testing

### April 3

Report Cards Go Home

### April 12

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

### April 12

Easter Dress-Up Day

### April 15-19

EASTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

### April 21

Celebrate Easter! Christ Lives!

### April 22

School Resumes

### April 30

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

### May 10

Interims Go Home as needed

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

### May 20-24

ACE Fitness Challenge

### May 27

Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

### May 27-31

Last Week of Clubs

### May 28 - June 5

ACE Art Fair

### May 31

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

## History

For the rest of the year, we will be learning about the geography of the US by region. In April, we will discover American's heartland, the Midwest. We will also learn about the unique geographical features and animals of the Southwest region. The students are enjoying researching and learning interesting facts about each US State.

US States

- Shaped by its past
- Geography
- Industry
- Government
- Cities and Sites

## Science

After finishing our study of the earth's resources at the beginning of April, students will start to look in depth at the Human Body with two chapters on the different body systems. Students will learn to design their own experiments with food and learn good eating habits with many activities that correspond to nutrition and exercise.

Quiz/Test Dates:

- 4/11 Ch 10 Test
- 4/26 Quiz 11-A
- 5/3 Quiz 11-B

## Math I Grade Level 4

Mr. Thompson

This month, we will learn to successfully navigate:

- Inches, feet, length, distance
- Renaming Measurements
- Weight, capacity
- Temperature, time to 1 minute
- Time AM and PM
- Elapsed time
- Calendar, Roman Numerals
- Multiply multiples of 10
- Multiplication addition principle
- 2 digit x 2 digit factors
- Multiply and estimates
- 2 digit x 3 digit factors
- Multiply money
- Fraction review
- Compare and order fraction
- Add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers
- Equivalent fractions
- Add and subtract unlike fraction
- Fractions of a set
- Fractions in problem solving

Test Dates:

- 3/6
- 3/13
- 3/27

## Art

This month of April, elementary students will explore the life and art of Michelangelo.

Third Graders will examine Michelangelo's painting of God creating Adam. The class will draw God's hand reaching out to Adam.

## STEAM

In March, we looked at real-life situations such as how to build an earthquake proof building and how to best drop an aid package into a hurricane zone. April will find us focusing on abstract sculptures before we move into pneumatics.

## Advanced Math

### Grade Level 5

Mr. Zellner

With decimals completed, students will enjoy changing gears for geometry, as we wrap our brains around surface area and volume concepts. We will also practice measuring with metrics and become familiar with proportions. All of these will be very useful in STEM pursuits as well as practical life applications.

- April 10 - Math 5 Quiz on Multiplying and Dividing Decimals
- April 24 - Math 5 TEST 14 on Geometry: Surface Area & Volume
- May 1 - Math 5 TEST 15 on Metric Measurement

## Bible

Daniel is another famous dreamer in the Bible. Living much later than the time of Joseph, Daniel was used as a prophet of God to speak to the pagan King Nebuchadnezzar. He told of God's supremacy and went on to provide prophecies that go unfilled to this day. Most famously, his faith in God went undeterred amidst the threat of hungry lions.

## Technology

In April we will learn about computer networks. We will terminate ethernet cables, learn about switches, routers, DHCP, DNS, and IPv4 addresses. Each class will set up an Apple Airport wireless access point and use their wireless network to transfer files.

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

## Music

This month in Music Class students will:

- begin learning music for the Spring Program
- continue the Recorder Karate curriculum which emphasizes:
  - Steady beat
  - Rhythm; quarter notes/rests, half notes/rests, whole notes/rests, dotted quarter notes
  - Reading the note names on the staff
  - Good musicianship; listening to others play and being a good audience member, performance skills in front of peers
- continue to incorporate movement into music with individual motions, games, and partner dances
- study our composer of the month, Clara Schumann

**Homework:** Students are expected to practice 25 minutes per 7 day week for the Recorder Karate Curriculum. Students are expected to bring their recorders and recorder folders to music every music class for a participation grade.

## PE / Spanish

In Spanish students will work on their auditory functions to pick out vocabulary words in real live conversations. They will also be learning new vocabulary as well as studying the country of the Dominican Republic, a Spanish speaking country in the Caribbean.

In PE, students will continue working on their fitness challenge skills. They are working on their push ups, sits ups, stretches and running drills. We have seen a lot of success with students who practice outside of school, so if we can encourage extra push ups, sit ups and running at home that would be amazing!