

OCTOBER **2018**

Welcome

"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." -Albert Camus

Fall is full of contrasts: fear and peace, bright and dim colors, warmth and chills. Classes take on a quiet familiarity, while routines give way to the clatter of the imminent parade of holidays. Comfort and commotion rest adjacent during this dramatic time of year.

Alighting softly like leaves upon this versatile season, we require students to dawn coats before classes each morning. We also ask they hold on tight, as schedules sometimes take a ride.

Math | Grade Level 4

Mr. Thompson

This month, we will learn to successfully navigate:

- Subtract 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

Test dates:

- 10/10 Ch. 2 Test
- 10/24 Ch. 3 Test

Bible

The great, spiritual heritage of Israel's early lineage will be traced from Abraham to Isaac and finishing with Jacob and Esau. How might our lives be used for great plans in the Kingdom of Heaven too?

- Oct. 5 Bible Quiz 5 pp. 23-26
 & Matthew 5:7-8
- Oct. 12 Bible Quiz 6 pp. 27-29
 & Matthew 5:9-10
- Oct. 19 Bible Quiz 7 pp. 33-36
 & Matthew 5:11-12
- Oct. 26 Bible Quiz 8 pp. 37-40
 & Matthew 5:7-12
- Nov. 2 Bible Quiz 9 pp. 41-44
 Matthew 5:1-12

Advanced Math Grade Level 5

Mr. Zellner

During the next few weeks, students will focus on properties of addition, subtraction, and multiplication. The relationships and functionality of these operations will be explored using whole numbers and decimals.

- Oct. 3 Math 5 TEST 2 (See calendar for details.)
- Oct. 10 Math 5 Quiz 3 (See calendar for details.)
- Oct. 17 Math 5 TEST 3 (See calendar for details.)
- Oct. 24 Math 5 TEST 4 (See calendar for details.)
- Oct. 31 Math Quiz 4 (See calendar for details.)

Upcoming Events

October 1

All students need to bring a jacket to school everyday starting today

October 5

Interims go home as needed

October 8

Columbus Day Holiday -NO SCHOOL

October 12

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

October 13

ACE Family Picnic at Algonkian Park, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

October 31

Casual Day (students may wear casual clothing, no costumes please)

Parents Schedule Conferences
Online

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

Language

In language students will continue to use their ever-sharpening grammar skills in finishing their personal narratives and try their hand at the heart-warming, handwritten friendly letter. They will also be studying nouns of various forms, being sure to get a strong grasp on when and why to use capitalization.

- Oct. 1 Grammar Quiz 2 (See calendar for details.)
- Oct. 5 Spelling Test 5
- Oct. 9 Grammar TEST 2 (See calendar for details.)
- Oct. 9 FINAL Draft of Personal Narrative DUE
- Oct. 12 Spelling Test 6
- Oct. 19 Spelling Test 7
- Oct. 22 Grammar TEST 3 (See calendar for details.)
- Oct. 26 Spelling Test 8
- Nov. 2 Spelling Test 9
- Nov. 2 Rough Draft of Friendly Letter DUE

Science

I hope everyone enjoyed learning about Living Things in September! We'll continue to explore the world of insects, master the PQ3R method of content reading comprehension, become proficient at measuring mass and volume, and end the month with an introduction to Chapter 4: Forces and Machines.

Test/Quiz Dates:

- 10/3 Quiz 2-A
- 10/11 Quiz 2-B
- 10/18 Ch 2 Test
- 10/25 Quiz 3-A
- 11/1 Ch 3 Test

Technology

This month in Technology, students will use Google Sheets to manage a To-Do list, use formulas to track and average grades, compare monthly costs, and make a daily schedule.

Don't forget your 15 minutes of typing practice each week!

Music

"Where words fail, music speaks."

- Hans Christian Andersen

October is an exciting month in music because students have started to establish the routine of our music schedule and we can dig deeper into concepts that were introduced in September. Students will also be introduced to Christmas Program music in mid-October. While it may seem early, because we only meet once a week, it is necessary!

During the month of October, students will:

- identify the October Composer of the Month, Joseph Haydn
- listen to music by Joseph Haydn
- · identify the musical staff
- identify absolute pitch, and solfege
- identify beat / rhythm
- identify tempo terms
- begin to learn Christmas Program music

History

3rd Grade History had fun documenting their own histories on a timeline! We reviewed early American History including, the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War. It was no battle for these students to learn! Next we are learning about...

- Reconstruction Era
- Corruption in the government
- · Development of Industry
- · City and Rural Life in the 1800s

PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be working on verbs and verb tenses. This month we are also learning about and exploring the country of Mexico!

This month in PE, students will be working on games that enhance their gross motor skills. They will be focusing on target games working on how to think through challenges and using teamwork!

Art

October is *Children in Art Month*. We will learn why parents from long ago would commission artists to paint portraits of their children. We will compare the difference between modern day portrait painting with that of long time ago.

The 3rd graders will try their hands on drawing a Goya masterpiece, "DonManuel."

STEAM

We are having a blast in the STEAM lab! Elementary students figured out how to support the weight of a bible with only one piece of paper, created gliders in the shape of various leaves, and built acorn chutes. In the next few weeks we will be building towers out of newspapers to replicate famous towers from around the world, designing elevators to lift pumpkins, building a pumpkin catapult and combining art and math to create some incredible Autumn paintings.