



THIRD GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER

2018

Welcome

The holidays are already upon us, a time for cheery social gatherings, cookies with cocoa, and of course, panicky last-minute shopping. Calendars fill up, while wallets empty out. Guest rooms fill up, while basement boxes empty out. It is a flurry of red, white, and green, a spectacle set to smells of peppermint, ginger, and pine.

Still, in silent corners of the night, hidden away like treasure, all is calm. All is bright. There is a virgin whose infant is precious. There is a babe swaddled and mild. Amidst the bugles and blinking, above the rumble and grunts of ornery cars, He sleeps in heavenly peace. Angels have heard on high, yet will we come and adore Him? He is waiting to be recognized as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords on this, the holiday of holidays. After all, this is Christmas.

History

3rd grade will be studying Chapter 7, Progress and Problems, which discusses the inventions and issues of the early 1900's.

- Segregation of Whites and Blacks
- Liberal Christianity's False Religion
- Developments in Transportation: Airplanes and Automobiles
- Art, Literature, and Religion

Language

In tandem with discovering Chester the cricket and his diverse friends, students will be learning about comparisons and contrasts in writing. Spelling takes cues from our new book as well.

Dec. 3 - Grammar TEST for Chapter 5 (Please check calendar for details.)

Dec. 7 - Spelling Test 12

Dec. 10 - Writing Quiz for Chapter 6 (Please check calendar for details.)

Dec. 14 - Spelling Test 13

Dec. 14 - Rough Draft DUE: Compare-Contrast Essay

Dec. 17 - Writing TEST for Chapter 6 (Please check calendar for details.)

Dec. 21 - No spelling test

Jan. 8 - FINAL Draft DUE: Compare-Contrast Essay

Science

Third graders will be busy learning about electricity and magnetism until mid-December and then continue to the last chapter in this physical science unit by studying light. The best part is that we have fun activities planned exploring electricity, magnetism, and light all through the month!

- 12/5 Quiz 5-A
- 12/12 Chapter 5 Test
- 12/17 Quiz 6-A

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 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

Advanced Math

Grade Level 5

Mr. Zellner

Students continue their foray into fractions, as we discuss GCFs, manipulating mixed numbers and reducing. Multiplication and division acumen become their powerful tools.

Dec. 5 - Math 5 TEST 6 (Please check calendar for details.)

Dec. 12 - Math 5 Quiz 6 (Please check calendar for details.)

Dec. 19 - Math 5 TEST 7 (Please check calendar for details.)

Music

*"Let us have music for Christmas...
Sound the trumpet of joy and rebirth;
Let each of us try, with a song in our hearts,
To bring peace to men on earth."
~ Mildred L. Jarrell*

This month, we will take a break from our composer of the month series, as we are busy preparing for a special Christmas program! Families and loved ones are encouraged to come see the Christmas programs! The students work extremely hard this time of year and love to showcase all they have learned so far in music and take part in the special celebration of Christ's birth.

Friday, December 7th is our Christmas clothing check. Please send clothing to school with students in a labeled bag. Clothes will be returned upon approval.

Please help us have a wonderful program by getting your students to school on time each day; we will have rehearsals in the mornings as homeroom classes.

Please remember, attendance for the Christmas program counts as a test grade for each student. If your student will not be in attendance for any reason, please let me know ASAP.

Technology

This month in Technology, 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 your 15 minutes of typing practice each week!

PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be working on expanding their vocabulary as well as learning how Christmas is celebrated in Peru. Younger levels will start on Duolingo while older grades will continue to enhance their conjugating and translating skills in Duolingo.

This month in PE, we will learn strength training through Yoga. Yoga will improve their balance, flexibility and strength. They will also be working on their aerobics through Zumba.

Bible

Joseph takes center stage in December, and we will follow him from his charmed upbringing amidst eleven brothers to his time in an Egyptian prison. We'll see God remain faithful to Joseph, as Joseph is faithful to Him, leading two nations out of a coming famine.

Dec. 7 - Quiz 13 (Prov. 3:5-6)

Dec. 14 - Quiz 14 (Prov. 3:7-8)

Dec. 21 - Quiz (Micah 5:2)

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.

Art

For December, our students will discover the talents of a self-taught French artist by the name of Henri Rousseau. The children will use his paintings to draw inspiration to create their own masterpiece.

The third graders will try drawing Rousseau's flamingoes.