



JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2018

Welcome

Welcome to Jr. Kindergarten!! This is going to be an exciting year of discovery!! We can not wait to watch the children grow and learn.

Penmanship

Your child has begun cursive writing in class! Please be sure reinforce proper handwriting at home. Check. Is your child sitting correctly in his/her chair? Is the paper slanted? Is the grippie being held correctly? This month we will learn to form cursive letters li, Uu, Ee and Aa.

Math

Students will work on:

- Counting 1-20
- Number recognition 1-20
- Sequence Numbers 1-20
- Number Families
- Concept of 0
- Penny
- Same/Different
- Above/Below
- Top/Middle/Bottom
- In/Inside
- Out/Outside
- Before/After
- Larger/Smaller/Same Size
- Same Number/More/Fewer
- Right/Left
- Shapes
- Patterns
- Writing numbers 1, 2 & 3

Bible

We will learn the following verses this September:

- "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1
- All things were made by Him." John 1:3
- "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14
- We will be learning stories about:
 - Creation
 - Adam & Eve
 - Noah Obeys God

Letters / Phonics

First we will learn our alphabets sounds:

Starting with our short vowels i, u, e, a and o

Say "i says i, i, i as i inchworm"

Hearing poems and stories such as "Itchy Inchworm" and "Uncle Ulster's Umbrella"

Next we will learn consonants sounds:

Starting with t and l

We will end the month blending our consonants and vowels:

Say "t, t, t

a, a, a
t a
ta"

Upcoming Events

September 10

Hot Lunch Options Begin

September 10

After School Clubs Begin

September 12

Picture Day

September 14

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

September 28

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

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 26

Operation Christmas Child
Shoebboxes go home with Students

October 31

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

STEAM

We are off to a great start in the STEAM lab!

Kindergarten students are reading fairy tales and using the “problem” in the story as the basis of our STEAM challenges. Building a chair to support Baby Bear’s weight, learning about shapes and symmetry when we build Cinderella’s castle and testing which of the three little pigs houses can withstand the Wolf’s huffing and puffing are just some of the fun activities we have planned to get us started in our quest to think like engineers!

I am so proud of how hard all of the students are working and how they have embraced this integrated method of learning.

Technology

This month in Technology the Junior Kindergarten class will learn about mouse skills. Students will learn how to move their mouse, how to keep their mouse on their mousepad, and how to left click.

They will use their mouse skills to open Photo Booth and take their own picture with a variety of fun filters. After that we will move on to an online program called Reading Eggs. The students will simultaneously practice mouse skills, letter recognition, letter sounds, phonics, blends, and sight words. Junior Kindergarten students will also begin to practice logging in using their own username and password.

Music

Welcome “Bach” to school! I hope you and your families had a wonderful summer vacation. I am looking forward to another year teaching music at ACE and getting to know your students while sharing my love of music with them while teaching basic principles of music.

Behavior and participation are the two main components students are graded on in music. I expect students to be on their best behavior so everyone has an equal chance at learning in music. I also expect everyone to try in music class. We may not all be the best instrumentalists or vocalists, but I ask that students try their best at the different areas of music I introduce them to.

I have a brand new lineup of Composers for our Composer of the Month curriculum. We will listen to and watch famous compositions and learn interesting facts about each composer. September’s composer of the month is Johann Sebastian Bach.

This month in Music Class:

- Students will practice the procedures of entering and exiting quickly and quietly
- Students will learn songs to begin and end music class with
- Students will begin using songs to learn their classmates names
- Students will explore our Composer of the Month, J.S. Bach

PE

Students will start of the year learning how to cooperate with each other in small groups. They will play games that will help them develop their ability to hear commands and respond accordingly in order to win the game.

Art

Welcome everyone to a new year of art. My goal for this year is for our students to learn to observe the beauty of God’s creation around them, and to use their imagination to create their masterpiece.

For the month of September, we will focus on some of the Elements of Art like colors, value, lines, shape, and form. Junior Kindergartners will:

- focus on primary and secondary colors
- learn different kinds of lines
- experiment on mixing primary colors