



THIRD GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

MARCH

2019

Welcome

March moves us from the halfway point of the year into the latter half, whereby pilings are erected and bricks are laid for the structures that will become fourth grade acumen and assiduity.

Bible

After finishing up the heart-warming climax of Joseph's journey--or rather his family's journey to him--we introduce the major prophet Daniel. Daniel too had enigmatic dreams interpreted, but also ones still waiting to occur today.

- Mar. 8 - James 1:1
- Mar. 15 - James 1:2-3
- Mar. 22 - James 1:4
- Mar. 29 - James 1:5

History

Students enjoyed dressing up and giving presentations on their 1920s characters! For the rest of the year, we will be learning about the geography of the US by region. In March, we will cover the Northeast, the Southeast and the Midwest regions.

US States

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

Language

Grammar will continue to develop mastery of verbs and include a very practical chapter on research skills. Later on students will be saying "farewell" to Mr. Popper's penguins and "hello" to a graceful horse on an island not too far from here...

- March 4 - Writing TEST Ch. 10
- March 8 - Writing a Tall Tale FINAL Draft DUE
- March 8 - Spelling Test 22
- March 11 - Grammar Quiz on Ch. 11
- March 15 - Spelling Test 23
- March 18 - Grammar TEST on Ch. 11
- March 22 - Spelling Test 24
- March 29 - "Writing a Research Report" Rough Draft DUE
- March 29 - Spelling Test 25

Science

Students will continue with the Unit 4 as we study the earth and its resources to be good stewards.

Quiz/Test Dates:

- 3/8 Quiz 9-C
- 3/14 Ch 9 Test
- 3/21 Quiz 10-AB

Art

This month we will learn all about weaving. Third Graders will cut out and paint a paper plate in the shape of a flower to use as their loom for their weaving project.

Upcoming Events

March 1

Interims go home as needed

March 8

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

March 25

NNAT II Test for 1st Grade Students

March 29

End of the Third Quarter

March 29

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

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)*

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

Advanced Math

Grade Level 5

Mr. Zellner

Math will dive into the last, generally used form of notation for calculations, which is decimals. They will be multiplied and divided with reference back to their fractional counterparts.

Surface area and volume will expand on geometry afterwards.

- Mar. 6 - Math 5 Quiz on Perimeter & Area Equations; Classifying Triangles; Lines & Shapes
- Mar. 13 - Math 5 TEST 12 on Fractions: Multiplication & Division
- Mar. 20 - Math 5 Quiz 12 on Multiplying Fractions
- Mar. 27 - Math 5 TEST 13 on Decimals: Multiplication & Division

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.

STEAM

In February, we focused on learning coding concepts by using paper coding, Beebot robots, and Osmo coding on the iPads.

In March we will change our focus and start looking 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.

Technology

This month in Technology class the Lower Elementary classes will learn about the Scratch programming language. Coding with Scratch is fun and exciting. We will learn about controlling a character using loops, movement blocks, variables and events.

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

PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be working on reading paragraphs and using context clues and their previous vocabulary to translate and answer questions.

This month in PE, in students will be learning the basics of basketball, including how to dribble, pass, play as a team, and communicate.