



SECOND GRADE Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Second Grade welcomes all! Let's get ready take on the new school year and exciting challenges along the way!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at mrthompson@myschoolace.com OR mrspashby@myschoolace.com.

Science

Students will learn the difference between cold and warm-blooded animals as well as defining the parts and functions of plants.

Science Chapter Test Dates:
• 9/20 Ch. 1

Upcoming Events

September 10
Hot Lunch Options Begin

September 10
After School Clubs Begin

September 12
Picture Day

September 13
Informational meeting for AAP, CogAT, NNAT for all 1st and 2nd Grade Parents, 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. (Parents only, please)

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 4
CogAT Test (tentative date)
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Open to all 2nd Grade Students

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
Deadline for All AAP Paperwork Requests

Math I Grade Level 3

Mrs. Pashby

This month students will learn the following:

- Addition and subtraction facts and problem solving
- Place value to 1,000,000
- Addition and subtraction with 2- and 3-digit numbers

Chapter Test Dates:

- 9/13 - Ch. 1
- 9/26 - Ch. 2

Advanced Math Grade Level 4

Mr. Thompson

This month, Math 4 students will learn and successfully navigate the following topics:

- Place Value (periods, millions)
- Compare numbers
- Order numbers
- Round numbers
- Decimals (tenths, hundredths)
- Counting money
- Rename numbers
- Addition properties (2 and 3 digit addition; 4 and 5 digit addition)
- Adding money

Chapter Tests:

- September 19, 2018

Important tip: All work pages that are in color are completed and checked in class – they are for practice and learning the new material. Black and white sheets are homework pages and will be corrected for accuracy.

Bible

This month, students will learn about the following topics:

- Trusting God's Promises
- The Promise of Heaven
- God Made All Things
- God Made Man

Each Friday there will be a Bible test administered:

- 9/7 - Ephesians 6:11
- 9/14 - Ephesians 6:12
- 9/21 - Ephesians 6:11-12
- 9/28 - Ephesians 6:13

History

This month, students will learn about the Biblical commission (The Great Commission) given by Jesus Christ to his disciples. Students will also learn about the European exploration of the Americas. Students will be able to identify and understand the following:

- The Mayflower Compact
- Challenges faced by Europeans in the Americas
- Massachusetts Bay Colony
- Importance of trade between the Americas and Europe
- The Great Awakening
- The French and Indian War
- The American Revolution
- The Articles of Confederation

Students will be able to distinguish between primary and secondary sources.

The chapter 1 test will be on September 25, 2018.

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.

Our focus for the first couple of weeks would be to learn how to quietly enter and exit the classroom, how to sit properly on the carpet and their stool, how to distribute art supplies and collect finished projects.

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

- review the color theory
- focus on the definition of analogous colors

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 class with
- Students will make connections between music and other academic areas (Math, Language, Science, History, and Reading)
- Students will explore our Composer of the Month, J.S. Bach

STEAM

We are off to a great start in the STEAM lab! This month elementary students will be exploring force, center of gravity and geometry as we build various structures. We are using the engineering design process and learning to change our words from "this is hard, I can't do it" to "what can I change in my design to make it work better".

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

PE / Spanish

This month in 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 to win the game.

In Spanish Class, spend this month reviewing the foundations such as greetings and numbers, as well as building up on that foundation. They will learn through several different formats in order to reinforce the same information.

Don't forget your child's 15 minutes of Spanish homework each week.