



SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Welcome to Sr. Kindergarten! We are looking forward to an exciting year of watching your child grow and learn. Please check your child's red folder each night and remember to return it to school each morning. If you have any questions or concerns – or if there is any way we can be of service to you and your family, please do not hesitate to contact us at: mrs gazes@myschoolace.com or missterling@myschoolace.com.

Bible

Our Bible verses this September are:

- "I" verse: John 14:14
- "E" verse: Proverbs 20:11
- "A" verse: Romans 3:23

We will begin with the stories:

- Salvation Series
- Creation
- Adam
- Cain & Abel

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

Letters / Phonics

In Phonics we will:

- Review the alphabet
- Learn/review short and long vowels rules and how to mark them
- Learn/review blends
- Learn rule for c and k before a vowel
- Possessives
- Sentences
- Rhyming Words
- Plurals
- Ending Punctuation

Spelling

The new Spelling list will be sent home every Thursday. Students are to copy each spelling word neatly and correctly. Spelling tests will be usually be given on Thursdays as part of their Phonics test. There will be a separate grade on our phonics tests for spelling.

Our first spelling test will be: Thursday, October 4th.

Homework

Reading: As assigned.
Math Flashcards: Review as new families are introduced.
Spelling List: New spelling lists are sent home every Thursday. Your first list will come home on Thursday September 27th.

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 in order to win.

Penmanship

We will begin by reviewing good writing habits and cursive keystrokes. We will write several letters of the alphabet, numbers, blends, words, and sentences and their first and last name.

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 begin using songs to learn their classmates names
- Students will explore our Composer of the Month, J.S. Bach

Math I Grade Level 1

Mrs. Gazes | Ms. Sterling

Math concepts for September:

- Count/write to 100
- Forward count by 1s, 5s, 10s
- Before/after numbers by 1
- Greater than/less than
- Recognize cardinal/ordinal numbers 1-20
- Additions Families 1-6
- Story Problems

Social Studies

This month in Social Studies, we will cover:

- Introduction
- God's Creation of the World
- Sin and a Savior
- Intro to Maps
- Continents and Oceans
- Cardinal Directions, Globes
- World Culture and Hudson Taylor

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.

Senior Kindergartners will:

- study the history of the color wheel
- focus on understanding complementary colors

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 Senior Kindergarten class will learn about and practice touch typing skills. They will learn finger position, posture, muscle memory, and why touch typing is an important skill. Senior Kindergarten students will begin to practice logging in with their username and password printed on a piece of paper. There will be rewards for students who are able to memorize their login information and log in independently.