

# ACE NEWS

## 6th Grade Newsletter | September 2019

### Music

This month in Music we will introduce students to the composer Bach.

We will also learn:

- Dynamics
- Tempo
- Beats
- Notes: D E F G A  
A B C D E

### Technology

This month in Technology, students will learn about using technology responsibly. They will focus on digital citizenship in learning to effectively use applications on iPads and computers. They will practice typing skills, use Google Docs, Duolingo, Google Drive, and Mail.

### PE

Welcome to PE! We are excited about the start of the new school year! This month, our students will learn about the importance of warming up before exercising and major muscle groups. We will use soccer and group games to reinforce teamwork and good sportsmanship. Parents are welcome to join us for your child's PE class during National 'Take your parent to PE week'; Sept. 23-27!

### Art

In Art, students will be learning the fundamentals of art with age appropriate projects that will enhance their critical thinking and creative skills.

## Welcome to Sixth Grade!

Welcome to 6th Grade! I am very excited about the year ahead and to have such a kind, mature, and hardworking group of sixth grade students. These students are and will continue to be leaders amongst their peers and are a blessing to those around them. If you have any questions or concerns - or if there is any way I can be of service to you and your family, please do not hesitate to contact me at [communications@myschoolace.com](mailto:communications@myschoolace.com).

### Language

#### Reading

The classic tale of *Robin Hood*, by Roger Lancelyn Green. Robin Hood fearlessly leads his merry men to provide for the poor and needy in their community of Crusade torn England in the twelfth century. He "steals from the rich to feed the poor," and has many adventures along the way. There will be reading pages and comprehension questions assigned throughout the week. There will also be periodic content quizzes and we will end our book with a project.

#### Writing/Grammar

This month we will identify sentence types, incomplete sentences, and focus on different nouns. Writing assignments will be interspersed throughout our grammar curriculum and include a variety of writing styles and prompts.

#### Spelling

Spelling lists 1-4 will include challenging words pulled from various subjects. New lists are handed out on Fridays and tested the following Friday of each week. Weekly spelling homework assignments are to be completed in provided Spelling Notebooks and is due each Friday.

### STEAM

Welcome back to the STEAM lab! This month we are reviewing the engineering design process and beginning our journey to becoming problem solvers for the future. Each grade will be focusing on different aspects of STEAM throughout the year as we incorporate the appropriate NGSS standards into their curriculum.

I am so proud of how the students have jumped back into the routine and come each day ready to learn. If you would like to contribute to the STEAM program, we are always looking for donations of: toilet paper and paper towel rolls, shoe boxes, egg cartons and plastic bottle tops.

## Upcoming Events

### September 2

Labor Day Holiday – No School

### September 5

Parent Orientation for Elementary Classes, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (*Parents Only Please*)

### September 9

After School Clubs Begin

### September 13

Picture Day

### September 20

Open House, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (*for unregistered families*)

### September 30

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

### October 1

Students need to bring jackets to school daily starting today

### October 7

CogAT Testing for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students

### October 11

Open House, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (*for unregistered families*)

### October 14

Columbus Day Holiday – No School

### October 29

End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
Parents Schedule Conferences  
Online

### October 31

Casual Day (*students may wear modest casual clothing to school – no costumes please*)

## Bible

Sixth graders will draw from the Word of God to see how God's principles personally affect their lives. Students will spend the year observing characters from the Old and New Testaments and the life of Christ to see how personal character can be developed based on Biblical principles.

- Josiah - King With Character - Matthew 5:4-6
- God Speaks - Matthew 5:7-9
- God's Design for Me - Matthew 5:1-9
- God's Purpose for Me - Matthew 5:10-12

## Math 7

Students will adapt quickly to the thick textbook and using loose leaf paper to take notes and do their homework! We will be quickly advancing through Chapter 1 which is a review of whole numbers. At the end of the month, we will start Chapter 2 on decimals.

- Estimating Sums, Differences, Products, and Quotients
- Exponents and Square Roots
- Problem Solving
- Order of Operations
- Decimals

## Science

Welcome to the exciting world of Life Science! In this challenging class you will start the year off with a short but solid review of the scientific process and the basics of worldview in the first chapter before delving into the Characteristics and Classification of Life. Expect hands-on class investigations and a long-term project (field investigation insect collection) that will take several weeks to complete during September and October.

- September 4 - Chapter 1 Quiz B
- September 12 - Chapter 1 Test
- September 19 - Chapter 2 Quiz A
- September 23 - Chapter 2 Quiz B
- September 27 - Chapter 2 Quiz C

## History

It has been said that history is a story. The world is how it is today because of the colorful past from whence it came. How did fireworks begin in China? Was there gold ever to be had in South America? What inspired exquisitely carved masks of Africa? This year, students will take a deep and mesmerizing tour spanning continents and hundreds of years of history. By the end of it all, they'll be able to see how the world got here and become knowledgeable, wise leaders for its future.

- September 3 - Chapter 1 Quiz
- September 10 - Chapter 1 Test
- September 13 - Chapter 2 Quiz
- September 19 - Chapter 2 Test

