

ACE NEWS

4th 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 Fourth Grade!

Although it's still hot and humid outside, the traditional back-to-school excitement is in the air everywhere. Welcome to Fourth Grade! All the students who will fill Room 216 are mentally, physically, and socially ready to transition from Learning to Read to Reading to Learn. They are characterized by transition toward formal operational thought. They are capable of much more than last year; much more will be required of them!

I am confident that everyone assigned to our class will rise to meet the challenges with firm conviction that they will always do their best with a good attitude and conduct themselves with integrity.

Language

Reading

The Moffats by Eleanor Estes by Laura is the first book in our lineup of many exciting reads! It is a children's novel about the many adventures of the young children in the Moffat family in early 20th Century America. There will be reading and comprehension questions assigned throughout each week. There will also be periodic announced quizzes and we will conclude our study of *The Moffats* with individual projects in October.

Writing/Grammar

This month we will cover different types of sentences, identifying subjects and predicates, how to diagram them, and a focus on prepositions. Language tests are on Mondays. Our writing will center around the steps to writing a Compare and Contrast Essay.

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.



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 2nd 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 1st Quarter
Parents Schedule Conferences
Online

October 31

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

Bible Verses & Stories

We will focus on the historical Life of Jesus as the Messiah, the Promised One, as we study His ministry on earth. The verses will be sent home each week (should be kept in their Homeroom Return to School section along with the Memorization Report Sheet) and the quizzes are usually on Fridays. Each night, students will need to review and memorize the Bible verses. The students will be allowed to take the workbook home with them to study as long as they bring it back each day; this privilege may be revoked if students are not responsible to bring the workbook back to school. However, if they arrive on time, pay attention in class, and actively participate in class discussions, they should not have any trouble with the weekly quizzes.

Week 1 - Who is Jesus Christ? - 1 Corinthians 13:1

Week 2 - Promises Come True - 1 Corinthians 13:2-3

Week 3 - The Boy Jesus - 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Week 4 - Victory Over Temptation - 1 Corinthians 13:6-7

Math 5

This month, we will begin by reviewing number sense (millions, billions period, positive and negative numbers), and learning about adding and subtracting decimals, estimating, one and two- digit multipliers, and various mathematical properties. Math tests are on Wednesdays.

Science

Our goal for this year is to establish a good foundation for scientific inquiry and method. We will try to balance presentation of facts with active participation with emphasis on collaboration and teamwork. We will start some foundational geology with a broad study of Minerals and Rocks in Chapter 1 and then Fossils and Dinosaurs in Chapter 2.

- September 6 - Chapter 1 Quiz
- September 12 - Chapter 1 Test
- September 16 - Chapter 2 Quiz
- September 26 - Chapter 2 Test

History

Welcome back! Students will continue to develop independence by reading and completing more work on their own and then checking and discussing it as a class. Each night, students should reread the class readings and study their activity manual worksheets. We will be diving right into American History:

- Native American Regions and Cultures
- The Way of Life of the Navajos, Machos, Sioux, and Iroquois
- Christopher Columbus' Discovery of the Americas
- Government and Religion in the Colonies

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.