

ACE NEWS

3rd 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 Third Grade!

Welcome to 3rd Grade! We are so excited to begin a new year here in second grade. 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 mrsspainhour@myschoolace.com.

Language

Reading

Farmer Boy by Laura Ingalls Wilder, is the first book in our lineup of many exciting reads! It is a children's historical novel about a boy named Almanzo and his daily farming life in New York. There will be reading pages assigned every other day, along with comprehension questions on non-reading days. There will also be periodic announced quizzes.

Writing/Grammar

This month we will cover different types of sentences, how to diagram them, and focus on common and proper nouns. Language tests are on Mondays. Our writing will center around the steps to writing a personal narrative.

Spelling

Spelling lists will include challenging words pulled from various subjects. New lists are handed out on Fridays and tested the following Friday of each week.



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

Students will learn about parts of the Bible, the birth of Isaac, and Abraham's faith and obedience. Memory verses will come from Matthew 5:1-8. Bible quizzes and memory verse tests are on Fridays of each week.

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

Science is about discovery of what's out there, what's in us, and everything in between. What makes the universe so fascinating? Students will explore the idea of stewardship over the earth first. Then they will dive onto the ground and learn about insects, a fitting end to our summer weather.

- September 5 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2
- September 11 - Chapter 1 Quiz 2
- September 19 - Chapter 1 Test

History

Welcome to Upper Elementary History! Students will be developing 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.

- Identifying the Biblical Characteristics of a Godly Leader
- Development of the Constitution of the USA
- Effect of a Great Awakening Sweeping Through the Colonies
- Civil War and Reconstruction
- The Wild West!

Math 4

This September in Math 4, students will learn to successfully navigate the following topics:

- Place value, place value periods, millions
- Comparing numbers, order and round numbers
- Decimals, tenths, and hundredths
- Counting money, counting back change
- Renaming numbers
- 2, 3, 4, and 5 digit addition

- September 18 - Chapter 1 Test

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.