



FIRST GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

MARCH

2019

Welcome

Happy February! Let us celebrate love this month. We will have class parties on Thursday, February 14th to celebrate Valentine's Day. The children will exchange Valentines cards. Please do not address the cards to any specific name. Children should only sign their name.

Cards should be consistent with the moral guidelines of the school (i.e. no action heroes or violence). Please help your child choose wisely. Your child may wear Valentine themed clothes or colors (red, pink, or white) on that day.

Language

This month in Language, we will study:

- Facts opinion and Reasons
- Children will learn the steps to writing a Book Report
- Parts of a book
- Children will learn the different types of Reference Materials for research purposes
- Listening Skills exercises

We will begin reading *Helen Keller*, written by Margaret Davidson. *Helen Keller* is a biography of a woman who overcame the handicaps of being blind and deaf.

Test dates:

- 3/4

Upcoming Events

March 1

Interims go home as needed

March 8

Open House, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(for non-registered families)

March 25

NNAT II Test for 1st Grade Students

March 29

End of the Third Quarter

March 29

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

April 1-5

Standardized Testing

April 3

Report Cards Go Home

April 12

Open House, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(for non-registered families)

April 12

Easter Dress-Up Day

April 15-19

EASTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

April 21

Celebrate Easter! Christ Lives!

April 22

School Resumes

April 30

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

Science

Students will unveil how light works. As they observe different ways people use light, they will further appreciate the beauty in colorful rainbows, prisms, and spectrums. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge by creating silhouettes and performing their very own shadow puppet play.

Test dates:

- 3/7 – Ch. 8 Test
- 3/28 – Ch. 9 Test

Bible

This January in Bible, the students will be learning stories about The Lost Sheep, Jesus is crucified and Jesus' Resurrection

Character traits:

- Salvation, Faith

The students will be tested on verses:

- John 3:16
- John 10:11

Tests will be fill-in the blank/
multiple choice format.

Music

This month in Music Class students will:

- begin learning music for the Spring Program
- continue the Recorder Karate curriculum which emphasizes:
 - Steady beat
 - Rhythm; quarter notes/rests, half notes/rests, whole notes/rests, dotted quarter notes
 - Reading the note names on the staff
 - Good musicianship; listening to others play and being a good audience member, performance skills in front of peers
- continue to incorporate movement into music with individual motions, games, and partner dances
- study our composer of the month, Clara Schumann

Homework: Students are expected to practice 20 minutes per 7 day week for the Recorder Karate Curriculum. Students are expected to bring their recorders and recorder folders to music every music class for a participation grade.

Math I Grade Level 3

Mrs. Pashby

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- Counting Money
- Equivalent Money
- Adding & Subtracting Money
- Multi-Step Word Problems
- Renaming Money
- Purchases
- Counting Change
- Polygons and Circles
- Similar, Congruent, Symmetric
- Slide, Flip, Turn
- Venn Diagram
- Plane & Solid Figures

Test dates:

- 3/6 – Ch. 13 Test
- 3/13 – Ch. 14 Test
- 3/27 – Ch. 15 Test

History

This month in History, students will learn about the following:

- Colonists Respond to the British
- Events Leading to the Revolutionary War
- The Declaration of Independence
- Revolutionary War battles and time line
- John Adams
- The Constitution
- The Great Compromise
- George Washington

Test dates:

- 3/19 Chapter 9 Test

Math I Grade Level 2

Ms. Kim | Mrs. Francis

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- 3-Digit Subtraction
- Problem Solving using multiple steps
- Repeated Addition as Multiplication
- Multiplication

Test dates:

- 3/6
- 3/20

STEAM

In February, we focused on learning coding concepts by using paper coding, Beebot robots, and Osmo coding on the iPads.

In March we will change our focus and start looking at real-life situations such as how to build an earthquake proof building, and how to best drop an aid package into a hurricane zone.

PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be adding to their vocabulary as well as learning how to pick up the vocabulary words in everyday sentences spoken in Spanish.

This month in PE, students will be learning the basics of basketball, how to dribble, pass, play as a team, and communicate.

Art

This month we will learn all about weaving.

First Graders will use painted paper to weave.

Technology

This month in Technology First Graders will learn about the Scratch programming language. We will learn about controlling a character using loops, movement blocks, variables and events.

Don't forget to practice typing for 15 minutes each week!