



# SENIOR KINDERGARTEN Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

# FEBRUARY 2019

## Welcome

*"For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten  
Son, that whosoever believeth  
in him should not perish, but  
have everlasting life."*

John 3:16.

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.

Please remember to check your child's red folder every evening.

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:  
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## Bible

We will learn the following Bible verses:

- February 4-8: "Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God," Psalm 147:1
- February 11-15: "Quit you like men, be strong," 1 Corinthians 16:13
- February 18-22: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy," Exodus 20:8
- February 25-28: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found," Isaiah 55:6

We will learn the following stories:

- The baptism of Jesus
- The first disciples
- The first miracle
- The paralytic is healed

## Letters / Phonics

In Phonics we will introduce:

- Chart 12
- A Prefix is added to the beginning of a root word, to make a new word.
- When C is followed by e, i, or y it says "s"
- Homonyms (Opposites)

We will review the following:

- Special Sounds Charts 8-11
- Placing words in ABC order
- Suffix Rules
- Identifying and circling special sounds

## Upcoming Events

### February 1

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

### February 6

ACE Family Skate Night, 4-9:00 p.m.  
Reston Town Center Ice Rink

### February 8

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

### February 14

Valentine's Day Parties  
Casual Day *(students may wear red, white, or pink casual clothing)*

### February 18

PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY -  
NO SCHOOL

### February 28

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

### 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)*

## Math

In Math we will introduce the following:

- 10 Addition and Subtraction family
- Units of Weight: Ounce, Pound
- Combining Quarters & Dimes
- Missing Numbers by 5's
- Subtracting with Coins
- Counting by 3's
- Time: Quarter Past & Five Minute Increments
- Pictograph
- Three Digit Addition

We will continue to review:

- One half and one fourth
- Shapes
- Two Digit Addition
- Place Value
- Measurements

## Spelling

The new Spelling list will be sent home every Thursday. Spelling tests will be usually be given on Thursdays as part of their Phonics test.

- February 7 List 16
- February 14 List 17
- February 21 List 18
- February 28 List 19

## Technology

This month in Technology class the Senior Kindergarten class will learn about the Scratch programming language. Coding with Scratch is fun and exciting. We will learn about controlling a character using loops, movement blocks, and events.

## Music

*"The wise musicians are those who play what they can master." -Duke Ellington*

This month in Music Class:

- Students will listen to music from historic musicians
- Students will explore different music to refine skills of high, low, fast, and slow
- Students will review form of music, i.e. AB Form
- Students will learn about Duke Ellington for February's Composer of the Month

## Science

In February we will begin Science. We be studying the following topics:

- Senses
- The Weather
- Seasons

## PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be learning about the country of Bolivia. Senior Kindergartners will be learning vocabulary around the house as well as practicing more on Duolingo.

This month in PE, in students will be working on their soccer skills through drills and basic training. They will also play a mock game at the end of the month.

## Penmanship

Students will learn that a Title is the name of a story, book, poem, or song. They will also learn how to put sentences together to create a story. We will continue to work on slant, size, formation, and touching lines. Students will be tested on penmanship every Tuesday.

## STEAM

In January we learned all about snowflakes – how they are formed, how drag and gravity affect how they fall and what causes the different kind of snow crystals. We then took several classes to do challenges presented by Google. The first broadened our horizons as we started dreaming about what students hope their communities will be like when they are adults, and how they could participate in making changes for the better. We also listened to a variety of musical pieces and talked about what emotions, colors, shapes and moods they evoked in us. Students painted a picture that represented what their song made them think about when they listened to it.

In February, we will focus on learning some coding concepts by using Beebot robots, Osmos games on the iPads, and Spheros.

## Art

*There is beauty in everything, just not everybody sees it. ~Andy Warhol*

This month we will get to know Andy Warhol and his style of work; from using rubber stamps, silkscreen, commercial advertisements to celebrities as subjects for his artwork. We will explore the meaning of Pop Culture and Pop Art.

Senior Kindergartners will use Warhol's Ice Cream Cone print as inspiration for their very own Ice Cream Cone projects.