



FIRST GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

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:

- Adjectives: look, smell, sound, taste, feel
- Adjectives that compare
- Writing an Instruction Paragraph

We will continue reading *Charlotte's Web*, written by E. B. White. *Charlotte's Web* is a children's novel gone on to become one of the most beloved children's book of all time. The story tells of a livestock pig named Wilbur and his friendship with a barn spider named Charlotte.

Test dates:

- 2/4

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 I Grade Level 3

Mrs. Pashby

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- Multiply by 8,9, & 10
- Associative Property of Multiplication
- Number Sequence
- Square Number
- Divide by 6,7,8, & 9
- Lines & Angles
- Patterns
- Perimeter & Area

Test dates:

- 2/6 - Ch. 11 Test
- 2/20 - Ch. 12 Test

Bible

This January in Bible, the students will be learning stories about Jesus walking on water, Jesus Heals a Blind Man, The Lost Sheep

Character traits:

- Honesty, Thankfulness

The students will be tested on verses:

- Matthew 14:27b
- Mark 10:52a
- John 10:11

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

Music

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

This month in Music Class:

- Students will continue to work on high and low notes
- Students will identify and review solfa notes on the musical scale
- Students will review instruments in the woodwind family
- Students will begin the Recorder Karate curriculum
- Students will learn about Duke Ellington for February's Composer of the Month

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.

First Graders will use Warhol's Strawberry prints as inspiration for their very own strawberry projects.

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, broaden 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 choice 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.

History

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

- Anglicans and Huguenots
- 13 Colonies
- Introduction to the Revolutionary War

Test dates:

- 2/26 Chapter 8 Test

PE / Spanish

In Spanish, students will be learning about the country of Bolivia. Lower elementary 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.

Math I Grade Level 2

Ms. Kim | Mrs. Francis

This month, we will focus on the math concepts:

- Pennies, Nickels, Dimes, Quarters
- Adding & Subtracting Money
- Repeated Addition as Multiplication
- Multiplication

Test dates:

- 2/7
- 2/21

Science

Students will uncover the importance of keeping the earth clean with The Three Rs: Reusing, Reducing, and Recycling. They will discuss how the earth's movements affect day and night and create different seasons across the world.

Test dates:

- 2/14 – Ch. 7 Test

Technology

This month in Technology class the Lower Elementary classes 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, variables and events.

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