



# FIRST GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

# NEWSLETTER

# DECEMBER

# 2017

## Welcome

December is here and our students are busy preparing to entertain you with their Christmas Program on December 15th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at [mskim@myschoolace.com](mailto:mskim@myschoolace.com) or [mrsfrancis@myschoolace.com](mailto:mrsfrancis@myschoolace.com).

## Math I Grade Level 2

Ms. Kim | Mrs. Francis

This month, students will master the Math concepts:

- Decompose and rename to subtract
- Subtracting two digit numbers
- Check subtraction with addition
- Problem solving estimation

Chapter Test Dates:

- 12/13

## Upcoming Events

### December 1

Christmas Program Costume Check

### December 14-15

In-House Christmas Programs

### December 15

Interims go home as needed

### December 18-29

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - NO SCHOOL

### December 25

Jesus' Birthday

### January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

### January 2

School Resumes & Re-registration Packets go home

### January 15

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - NO SCHOOL

### January 16

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

### January 16

END OF SECOND QUARTER

### January 18

APL Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (All Parents Welcome)

### January 18

Talent Show/Auction Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
(All Parents Welcome)

### January 22

Minecraft Club Showcase

### January 24

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

### January 25

Science Club Showcase

### January 26

LEGO & VEX Robotics Club Showcase

### January 31

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

## Science

Students will focus on what fossils show us be exploring the following:

- God as a master of Creation
- How fossils form
- Dinosaurs

There will not be a chapter test in the month of December.

## Technology

In Technology, we will be learning:

- Microsoft Word
- Pages
- Google Docs
- Differences and similarities
- Project in both Word and Pages
- Google Docs challenge

## Bible

This month in Bible, we will be learning about about the special message an angel gave Mary, and the Birth of Jesus.

Our Bible class will focus on the Christ Child, Jesus, and what Christmas really means. Why did He come to us, and why as an infant and not God in all His glory?

Character traits:

- Joyful Kindness

Students will be tested on verses:

- Luke 1:49
- Luke 2:7

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

## Advanced Math

### Grade Level 3

Miss Borucke  
Mrs. Woodward

This month, students will learn the following:

- Identity Property of Multiplication
- Zero Property of Multiplication
- Multiplication and Division Fact Families
- Multiplication and Division Word Problems

Test Dates:

- Chapter 6 - 12/6

## Art

Our featured artist for December is Pablo Picasso. He is one of the most famous artists of the 20th century who co-founded the art form cubism together with George Braque.

The 1st graders will use Picasso's "Girl with a Dove" for their inspiration and use oil pastel to finish this project.

## History

As we continue our studies of American History and the government this month, students will learn about:

- Different cultures
- Pilgrims come to America
- Plymouth Colony
- The Puritans and Massachusetts Bay
- Rhode Island and Connecticut
- Work and Worship in the New England Colonies

Test Dates:

- Chapter 6 - 12/5

## Music

*Let us have music for Christmas...  
Sound the trumpet of joy and rebirth;  
Let each of us try, with a song in our hearts,  
To bring peace to men on earth.*  
Mildred L. Jarrell

This month, we will take a break from our composer of the month series, as we are busy preparing for a special Christmas program! Families and loved ones are encouraged to come see the Christmas programs! The students work extremely hard this time of year and love to showcase all they have learned so far in music and take part in the special celebration of Christ's birth.

December 1st is our Christmas clothing check. Please send clothing to school with students in a labeled bag. Clothes will be returned upon approval.

### Christmas Program Times

#### Thursday, December 14th

10:00 a.m. – 1st Grade

11:00 a.m. – 2nd Grade

1:00 p.m. – 3rd Grade

2:00 p.m. – 4th and 5th Grades

#### Friday, December 15th

10:00 a.m. – Toddler and Preschool

11:00 a.m. – Junior Kindergarten

1:00 p.m. – Senior Kindergarten

Please remember, attendance is mandatory for the Christmas program and counts as a test grade for each student. If your student will not be in attendance for any reason, please let me know ASAP.

## Language

In Language Arts, students will learn about:

- Exclamatory sentences
- Imperative sentences
- Continue learning about different types of sentences:
  - Interrogative
  - Declarative
  - Exclamatory
- Introducing prefixes
- Adding suffixes and prefixes root words
- Continue learning about subject and predicate
- Continue to review special sounds to become proficient readers and spellers

Our Chapter Book this month is, *A Grain of Rice* written by Helena Pittman. It is a mathematical folktale about a clever farmer and how he outwits the Emperor of China and become the wealthiest man - all with a single grain of rice.

Unit Test Dates:

- 12/4
- 12/11

## PE / Spanish

This month in PE, students will be working on:

- Warm ups
- Stretching
- Cooperation skills
- Completing a task with team members
- Learning to communicate
- Hand eye coordination using paddles and Velcro balls

In Spanish Class, students will continue with their Rosetta Stone program. They will also review vocabulary in a kinetic format. They will learn to listen for questions and commands in Spanish and be able to interpret them. They will have access to a variety of objects in order to complete different tasks. This will re-enforce the vocabulary they already know and apply it to a more conversational and real life setting.

*Don't forget your child's 15 minutes of Spanish homework each week!*