



FIRST GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY

2018

Welcome

Happy New Year! We are so excited to see what this year has in store for us!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at mskim@myschoolace.com or mrsfrancis@myschoolace.com.

Science

Students will explore what makes up the earth by diving in to the following:

- Layers of the Earth
- Volcanoes and Earthquakes
- Natural Resources

Chapter Test Dates:

- Ch. 5 - 1/4
- Ch. 6 - 1/18

Bible

In January, students will continue learning about Josiah and the good choices he made as a young king. They will also learn about Joash, another young king who made poor choices and the consequences he faced.

The next couple of lessons will focus on Jesus as a young boy.

Character traits:

- Enthusiasm, Wisdom, and Courage

Students will be tested on verses:

- Luke 2:11
- Luke 2:52

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

Math | Grade Level 2

Ms. Kim | Mrs. Francis

It is very important that students know their Math facts up to the 13 family. Practicing for even 10 minutes daily will make a big difference.

This month, students will master the Math concepts:

- How to read tally charts, bar graphs, and line plots.
- Create a picture graph and a bar graph from a tally chart.
- Create a line plot from a bar graph.
- Measurements: length, height in inches and feet
- Weight in ounces and pounds

Chapter Test Dates:

- 1/10
- 1/24

Advanced Math

Grade Level 3

Miss Borucke
Mrs. Woodward

This month, students will learn the following:

- Time to the 1-Minute Interval
- Elapsed Date and Time
- Customary Measurement
- Fractions

Test Dates:

- Ch. 7 - 1/3
- Ch. 8 - 1/17
- Ch. 9 - 1/24

Upcoming Events

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)

END OF SECOND QUARTER

January 18

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

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)*

February 2

REPORT CARDS GO HOME - NO SCHOOL
Parent/Teacher Conferences *(Parents Only)*
*Schedule in advance online

ACE Family Bingo Night, 7:00 p.m.

February 5

2nd Semester Hot Food Begins

February 14

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

February 19

PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

February 20

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

APL Meeting, 7:00 p.m. *(All Parents Welcome)*

Language

In Language Arts, students will be:

- Introducing Imperative Sentences
- Learning about singular and plural nouns
- Continue learning about different types of sentences:
 - Interrogative
 - Declarative
 - Exclamatory
- Learn about syllables
- Add suffixes and prefixes to root words
- Continue learning about Subject and Predicate
- Continue to review special sounds.

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

Unit Test Dates:

- 1/8
- 1/22
- 1/29

In-class Spelling Bee, 1/25-1/26

PE / Spanish

This month in PE, students will be working on communication as a team and how to work together to complete tasks in order to win a game. They will work on cooperation and critical thinking skills in order to create a solution together for a task. They will also be developing both fine and gross motor skills with handling paddles and smaller objects.

In Spanish Class, students will celebrate the three wise men and their visit to Bethlehem after Jesus's birth! Using Bodily-Kenesthetic learning, students will put sentences together and both interpret or demonstrate to the rest of the class. They will also be reviewing vocabulary and well as going over when and how to use "es" and "son," "is" and "are."

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

Music

"Where words fail, music speaks."
Hans Christian Andersen

Welcome back! I hope your winter break was filled with family time, fun activities, and rest!

Students this month will revisit some music concepts that we left off with in November. Students will reflect on their performances from the December Christmas Program and talk about what went well and what could be improved upon.

Our Composer of the Month for January is Robert Schumann. He is mostly known for his piano and chamber works.

This month in Music Class:

- Students will self-evaluate December performances
- Students will write about reasons they love music as a part of promoting music in schools
- Students will be introduced to Robert Schumann and his famous compositions
- Students will be introduced to the woodwind family
- Students will begin learning recorder and the Recorder Karate curriculum

History

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

- The New England Colonies
- Plymouth, Pilgrims, Puritans, Massachusetts Bay
- Rhode Island and Connecticut
- Work and Worship in the New England Colonies
- Education in the Colonies
- Jonathan Edwards, David Brainerd, and the Great Awakening
- The Middle Colonies
- Manhattan (geography)
- William Penn and Pennsylvania
- Waterways to the Colonies
- Jobs in the Middle Colonies
- Melting Pot

Test Dates:

- 1/9/18 Chapter 6
- 1/23/18 Chapter 7

Art

For the month of January the children will continue to learn and discover more facts and style of the Spanish artist, Pablo Picasso. The children will also start or continue to work on their auction piece.

First graders are working on Picasso's *Girl with a Dove*. They will use oil pastel to color their project.

For the First graders auction piece they will work on a Keith Haring and Pete Mondrian inspired paintings.

Technology

This January, students will dive even deeper into coding. They will have multiple opportunities to learn and try various coding programs including, Beebots, Scratch, Osmo, code.org, Sphero, Google cardboard and many more.

The students really enjoy this part of technology! It is amazing how much one can learn when the subject is fun and interesting. I cannot wait to show you what your student can do in the world of Coding!