



FIRST GRADE

Academy of Christian Education

NEWSLETTER

MARCH

2018

Welcome

We are so happy that the weather is getting warmer and signs of Spring can be seen everywhere reminding us of new life.

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

Advanced Math Grade Level 3 Miss Borucke Mrs. Woodward

This month, students will learn the about Geometry and Money.

Geometry:

- line, ray, perimeter and angle
- value of coins and dollar bills
- add/subtract amounts of money
- amount needed to purchase item
- amount of change after purchase
- counting change

Test Date:

- 3/14 - Ch. 13

Upcoming Events

March 2

Interims go home as needed

March 20

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

March 22

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

March 23

Easter Dress Up Day *(students may wear dressy clothing to school)*

March 26 - 30

Easter Break - NO SCHOOL

April 1

Celebrate Easter! Christ Lives!

April 2

School Resumes

April 6

Colonial Day

April 6

END OF THIRD QUARTER

April 9-12

Elementary Science Fair

April 9-13

Standardized Testing

April 13

International Day!

April 13

REPORT CARDS GO HOME

April 17

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

April 17

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

April 30

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

Bible

Our Bible class will focus on the true meaning of Easter.

We are reminded that not only did Jesus suffer and die to give us the opportunity to have our sins forgiven, because of His resurrection, we also have hope of a new life and to live eternally with Him in Heaven.

Character traits:

- thankfulness
- trust
- sharing

Students will be tested on verses:

- Mark 10:52a
- John 10:11
- John 3:16

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

Math I Grade Level 2 Ms. Kim | Mrs. Francis

Math continues to be an exciting and challenging time for students. They love to tell about what they know. Our lessons will focus on Multiplication.

Students will bring home flashcards to practice. Developing the habit of 5–10 minutes daily practice will help students to learn these facts.

This month, students will master the Math concepts:

- Writing and solving equations
- Creating arrays to solve multiplication problems
- Understanding word problems
- Rounding
- Subtracting 3-digit numbers
- Renaming to the hundreds place
- Money – adding and subtracting using different bills and coins

Chapter Test Dates:

- 3/7
- 3/21

PE / Spanish

This month in PE, students will be working on Soccer skills. They will learn how to drill a soccer ball, participate in relays as well as play mock soccer games. They will also start practicing for the fitness challenge.

In Spanish Class, students will continue working on their Rosetta Stone. They will continue working on their Rosetta Stone program. Students will be working on structuring basic sentences in Spanish. They will also be reviewing and learning vocabulary.

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

Technology

This month in Technology our Elementary classes will practice for and compete in World Maths Day. They will compete with over four million students from around the world. The contest measures speed and accuracy in arithmetic skills. We are excited that our students will compete in the world's largest online math competition.

After the world education games Technology class will shift our focus to spreadsheets. We will learn about formulas to add, subtract, and multiply cells. The students will use that knowledge to create a household budget.

Don't forget your child's 10 minutes of Technology homework each week!

History

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

- The French and Indian War
- A new king, new laws, and new problems
- The Boston Massacre
- Boston Tea Party
- Pre-Revolution period
- The Declaration of Independence
- The American Revolution

Test grades will come from the following:

- Compare and Contrast Chart created in class (American desire for Independence and Britain's desire to keep the colonies)
- Students will also create a map of Virginia and record the Revolution battle locations in Virginia.

Language

In Language Arts, students will learn about:

- Verbs and subjects
- Singular/plural verbs
- Diagramming subject & verbs
- Past tense
- Proper usage of the words *may, can, learn, teach, lie, lay, sit, sat, set*
- Contractions
- Continue adding suffixes and prefixes to root words
- Continue learning about abbreviations
- Reviewing special sounds to become proficient readers and spellers

Chapter Book: *Charlotte's Web*, by E. B. White. *Charlotte's Web* is a novel about the special relationship between a livestock pig, Wilbur, and a barn spider named Charlotte. This story is about trust, friendship, hope and confidence.

Unit Test Dates:

- 3/5
- 3/12
- 3/19

Music

"This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before." - Leonard Bernstein

The March Composer of the Month is John Philip Sousa, who is known for his many compositions of marches! A couple titles that you may recognize are *"The Stars and Stripes Forever"* and *"Semper Fidelis"*.

This month in music students will:

- Learn about the Composer of the Month, John Philip Sousa
- Listen to various recordings of John Philip Sousa and reflect on what was heard (dynamics, tempo, mood, instrumentation)
- Continue the recorder karate curriculum
- Practice being good listeners and performers as students test for various belts in recorder karate
- Continue practicing recorder at home for a homework grade (20 minutes of practice is required per week)

Science

Students will discover why the earth "matters" by observing:

- The three forms of matter
- How matter changes
- Evaporation vs. condensation
- Thermometers

Chapter Test Date:

- 3/15 - Ch. 9

Art

March will be an exciting month to paint and draw. Our goal is to finish all our collaborative artwork pieces for the Silent Auction. Every child will contribute to painting parts of the artwork. While some of the children are working on the class project, the rest of the class will be doing a special art activity with specific theme. The Elementary grades will all be designing their own trading cards with a specific theme.

The 1st Graders will be painting a Peit Mondrian inspired artwork with a touch of Keith Haring and Klimt. The class' trading card theme is everything sunny.