



# THIRD GRADE Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

# MARCH 2018

## Welcome

If February typifies the end of winter, and April heralds the glamour of spring, March's beauty is beheld in its dynamism. It is a glorious time of transition--not only seasonally but academically as well.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!* (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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## Bible

After finishing up the heart-warming climax of Joseph's journey--or rather his family's journey to him--we introduce the major prophet Daniel. Daniel too had enigmatic dreams interpreted, but also ones still waiting to occur today...

- March 9 - Bible Quiz 22 (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
- March 16 - Bible Quiz 23 (James 1:1)
- March 23 - Bible Quiz 24 (James 1:2-3)

## Science 4

Our third graders will spend the majority of the month exploring mankind's responsibility to be good steward of our earth's resources. We'll look at how landfills are packed and how we dispose of trash, and we will also learn ways to do so responsibly. Just before we break for Easter week, we will start a new unit on our bodies.

Test/Quiz Dates:

- 3/8 Quiz 10-A
- 3/14 Quiz 10-B
- 3/22 Chapter 10 Test

## Math I Grade Level 4 Mr. Thompson

This month, Math 4 students will learn and successfully navigate the following topics:

- Inches-feet
- Length and distance
- Renaming measurements
- Weight
- Capacity
- Temperature
- Time to 1 minute
- Time: AM and PM; Before and after the hour
- Elapsed time
- Calendar
- Roman Numerals
- Multiply Multiples of 10
- Multiplication-Addition Principle
- 2 Digit x 3 Digit Factors
- Estimation

Chapter Test Dates:

- 3/7
- 3/14

## Advanced Math I Grade Level 5 Mr. Zellner

After a lighter chapter on area and perimeter, we will dive into the operations of multiplication and division of fractions. To connect with fractions, multiplying and dividing by decimals comes at the end of the month.

Quizzes:

- March 7 - Quiz 11 on Perimeter & Area Equations; Classifying Triangles; Lines & Shapes
- March 21 - Quiz 12 on Multiplying Fractions

Math 5 Tests:

- March 14 - Test 12 on Fractions; Multiplication & Division

## 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

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)

## Language

All classes will continue to develop reading skills, which include:

- Accuracy
- Enunciation
- Alertness to punctuation
- Expression
- Smoothness
- Comprehension
- Volume
- Speed
- Poise

Students will study, review, learn, and be quizzed and tested on vocabulary and definitions from History, Science, and their Chapter book.

They will:

- Plan, draft, revise, proofread, publish, and illustrate a compare-contrast essay
- Predict the location of information in a book
- Differentiate between fiction, nonfiction, and reference materials
- Identify parts of an outline
- Write an outline for an article

Unit Test Dates:

- 3/5 - Ch. 6 Writing a Compare-Contrast Essay Test
- 3/19 - Ch. 7 Study and Reference Skills Test

## Technology

This month in Technology class our Senior Kindergarten and 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!*

## 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 (25 minutes of practice is required per week)

## History

Students enjoyed dressing up and giving presentations on their 1920s characters! For the rest of the year, we will be learning about the geography of the US by region. In March, we will cover the Northeast, the Southeast and the Midwest.

US States

- Shaped by its past
- Geography
- Industry
- Government
- Cities and Sites

Unit Test:

- 3/6
- 3/13
- 3/22

## 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 programs. They will be working on breaking apart sentences and translating them word for word. They will be looking to identify familiar vocabulary as well as use context clues to translate the rest of the sentence.

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

## 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 3rd graders will work on a Sandra Silberzweig selfie and their special activity theme will be everything under the sea.