



# FIFTH GRADE Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

# MARCH 2018

## Welcome

The year has been flying by and its hard to believe spring is around the corner!

Last month, we had a blast exploring the exhibits of the Museum of the Bible. The videos and artifacts really made the Bible and its impact throughout history come alive. I pray God continues to show us how real and loving he truly is!

We are looking forward to our Ancient Rome Day on March 9th!

## Bible

The fifth graders continue their yearlong and in-depth study of the Old Testament. Last month, we looked at the character of the first few kings of Israel and in March, we will learn about two great prophets of God. We will also journey with the Israelites as they return from captivity and rebuild their temple. As a special treat, we enjoy short videos from the Bible Project which depict a creative summary of each book of the Bible.

- Elijah and Elisha
- Ezra the Teacher
- Nehemiah - The Great Organizer

## Upcoming Events

### March 2

Interims go home as needed

### March 9

Ancient Rome Day

### 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)*

## Math I Grade Level 7 Miss D.

In Math 7, we will review chapters 1-7 and the students will take a cumulative exam. We will also complete chapter 8 on geometry.

Chapter 8: Introduction to Geometry

- Basic Geometric Figures
- Pairs of Angles
- Polygons
- Triangles and Quadrilaterals
- Pythagorean Theorem
- Perimeter
- Circles and Circumference
- Congruent Figures

Chapter Tests:

- 3/7
- 3/21

## 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!*

## 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, and publish instructions
- Identify and practice good speaking and listening skills
- Use a dictionary, newspaper, encyclopedia, atlas, almanac, and textbook for information
- Determine the location of sources in a library

Test Dates:

- 3/5 Ch. 6 Writing Instructions Test
- 3/19 Ch. 7 Study and Reference Skills Test

## 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 (30 minutes of practice is required per week)
- Continue experimenting with the Ukulele (strumming patterns, learning chords, plucking rhythms)

## History

The students will dress up and give oral presentations on Ancient Rome Day on March 9th! We will finish up our studies of the The Byzantine Empire and learn about the early civilizations of Mesoamerica.

Mesoamerica

- Trace the history and the impact the Olmec civilization had on other Mesoamerican civilizations
- Explore Mayan dress, social classes, farming, and homes
- Trace the migration and development of the Aztec civilization
- Describe the unusual location and building of the city of Tenochtitlán
- Evaluate the economy of the Aztec civilization
- Discuss the significance of the Aztecs' language and technological advances
- Contrast Mesoamerican beliefs with biblical truth

Chapter Test:

- 3/13

## Science 6

After finishing up Chapter 10: Stars early in the month, fifth graders will continue to explore the exciting outer space with Chapter 11: Solar System.

Test/Quiz Dates:

- 3/8 Chapter 10 Test
- 3/14 Quiz 11-A
- 3/22 Chapter 11 Test

## 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. They will work on their reading and comprehension skills. They will be able to read full paragraphs and answer questions in Spanish.

*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 5th graders will do a step-by-step painting using a dirty pour technique.

They will also be making mini-Picasso Trading cards.