

# ACE THIRD GRADE

## PARENTS' LEGACY

May 14th is Mother's Day, and June 18th is Father's Day. Korea happens to designate May 8th as Parent's Day to honor both at the same time. However or whenever we go about honoring parents, it becomes clear that doing so is necessary and right. Parents do so much for their children. Children, at the very least, owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

It has been said that children are like arrows that we shoot over the horizon. That is, they carry on their parents' legacies long after moms and dads are no more. This profound impact parents have on their children's future--and to an extent the community or world at large--is summed up by the word "legacy." Parents are tasked with leaving a legacy that brings out the best in their children for the service to civilization over which they are to preside.

Until that day when a child plans out his or her own legacy for the next generation, there will be many holidays to remind them of God's Fifth Commandment:

*"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you."*  
(Exodus 21:12)

## MAY GOALS

May is the last full month of school. In some subjects this will be third grade's last chance to make a positive impression on grades and be proud of how far all have come in writing, calculating, and accumulating critical bodies of knowledge about history and science.

Our goal, thus, is to finish out this quarter and year stronger than ever. Students should take stock of their homework, study, and organizational habits that will serve well in fourth grade. This is where they will turn double-digits and begin to take on perspectives and responsibilities for new horizons in life. Each should ask himself or herself, "Have I become more independent and more dependable in these areas?"

## HIGHER EXPECTATIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

As we begin the last quarter for 3rd grade, students are expected to begin the process of being more responsible.

They are expected to arrive on time - between 8:00-8:20 a.m. so they are prepared for math to begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Students arriving late will miss important instruction.

Students are expected to come to school prepared with all of their books and supplies.

Students are expected to have homework completed without prompting and weekly reports returned promptly.

Students are expected to assume responsibility for their work and their actions.

Spring is a time of growth and change. Every child in 3rd grade is growing and changing, becoming older and more mature. It is a pleasure to observe that growth in these students.

## LANGUAGE ARTS

Language will be closing out the year with a look at subject-verb agreement and correcting many common English grammar or word usage errors that pervade both speech and written text.

### Language Quizzes and Tests:

- May 2
- May 5
- May 16
- May 25

### Spelling Tests:

- May 5
- May 12
- May 19
- May 26

## READING/WRITING

The final days of reading and writing will examine stories based on heroes and cover skills like using a concordance or noticing where an author uses foreshadowing.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 1:** Chick-fil-a Spirit Night, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**May 6:** Global 6K for Water, 9:00 a.m.

**May 12:** Interims Go Home

**May 16:** Open House for Non-registered Families, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**May 19:** ACE Family Movie Night

**May 22-26:** ACE Fitness Challenge & ACE Art Fair - All are welcome!

**May 29:** Memorial Day - **NO SCHOOL**

**May 31:** Casual Day (*students may wear modest casual clothing*)

**June 2:** Camp T-Shirt Day (*students may wear their uniforms or ACE Summer Camp shirts to school*)

**June 5-9:** Last full week of school

**June 7:** Toddler, Preschool, Junior and Senior Kindergarten Spring Programs

**June 8:** First, Second, Third, Fourth Grade Spring Programs

**June 12:** Used Uniform Sale

**June 12-13:** Casual Days (*students may wear modest casual clothing*)

## BIBLE

May finishes out a look at the life of Daniel, which climaxes in his grand display of trust and obedience to God amidst the threat of death by hungry lions.

When trust in God meets up against lethal threats to that trust, the result is often bravery.

### May 4 - John 14:5

*Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"*

### May 11 - John 14:6-7

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."*

### Bible Memory Verse and Lesson Quizzes:

- May 4
- May 11

## SCIENCE 4

The next three chapters of science deal with the material earth, or *geology*. Amidst possibly acidifying oceans, the perennial need for earthquake-proofing architecture, and the endless search for energy resources, there will be lots of relevance to ponder.

*Ex-SCI-ting Fact: Water can actually remain liquid below freezing (supercooled water) and become solid above the freezing point (ice VII) if given the right conditions, specialized electrical charges and extremely high pressures respectively.*

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=123376191>

<http://www.nature.com/nphys/journal/v3/n5/abs/nphys562.html>

### Science Tests:

- May 2
- May 22
- June 1



## TECHNOLOGY



April was a great month in Technology and the students loved using Google Earth and Virtual Reality goggles. Google Cardboard Glasses had students walking in a rainforest and being roared at by a giant dinosaur! With the HTC Vive virtual reality, elementary students had an awesome time making and popping balloons in a virtual world.

In May elementary students will be building a computer and running basic programs. Students will continue practicing coding through Code.org and scratch.mit.edu. All of the classes will be wrapping up Typing Agent testing for the Nimble Fingers party. Students will also have access to coding the Sphero balls. Any student who has a Sphero at home will be permitted to bring in their pet sphero and work on it during tech time and possibly other free time periods. Please make sure it is labeled with the student name.

## ADVANCED MATH GRADE LEVEL 4 Mr. Thompson

This month in Math 4 we will be covering the following:

- Millimeter, Centimeter and Meter
- Kilometer
- Capacity: Liter and Milliliter
- Mass: Gram and Kilogram
- Celsius Temperature
- More Metric Units
- Number patterns
- Divide by Multiples of 10
- I-Digit Quotients
- Round the Divisors
- More I-Digit Quotient
- 2 Digit Quotients
- Adjust the Quotient
- Zeros in the Quotient
- Word Problems

Test dates:

**Chapter 12: 5/1/2017**

**Chapter 13: 5/12/2017**

**Chapter 14: 5/30/2017**

## ADVANCED MATH GRADE LEVEL 5 Mr. Zellner

Through Chapters 14, 15, and 16 students will have the opportunity to learn about surface area and volume, measuring with metrics, and become familiar with proportions. All of these will be very useful in STEM pursuits as well as practical life applications.

### Math Tests:

- May 4
- May 16
- May 31

## PE / SPANISH

### PE:

Students will review:

- Stretching/Warm-ups
- Continue practicing for the fitness challenge
- Fitness Challenge!

### SPANISH:

Third grade students will be continuing their progress in Rosetta Stone. They will also be reading in Spanish and use their comprehension skills to interpret what they read as well as answer questions on the material. They will be working out of a workbook learning how to conjugate the word "are," as well as how to make sentences plural.

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

## MUSIC

### Did you know...?

**Music builds imagination and intellectual curiosity:** Introducing music in the early childhood years can help foster a positive attitude toward learning and curiosity. Artistic education develops the whole brain and develops a child's imagination.

Cited from:

<http://www.nafme.org/20-important-benefits-of-music-in-our-schools/>

This last month of school, students will work on refining their musical skills they have learned this year to perform their Spring Program.

**The Third Grade class program will be Thursday, June 8, 2017. Mark your calendars!**

Please remember, the Spring Program is a mandatory part of your student's grade counting as a test grade. If your student cannot make it to the program for any reason, please let Mrs. Becker know as soon as possible.

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Thank you for sharing your students with me this year! It has been a privilege to teach and explore music with them. Have a fun and blessed summer!

## ART

*"I feel there is nothing more artistic than loving people."*  
~ Van Gogh

This month the children will continue to learn more about Auguste Rodin and his sculpture.

The children chose to work on Vincent Van Gogh "A Vase with Five Sunflowers" instead of "Starry Nights."

The class discovered the history behind the series of sunflower paintings that Van Gogh painted.

All students continue to work on their art for the school hallways! All of the work is fabulous!

**Please stop by the ART FAIR the week of May 22nd so you and your guests can see the children's hard work and art pieces from the entire school year!**

