

ACE FOURTH GRADE

WELCOME

Along with warmer weather and flowers, May brings many special days to observe! Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day all seem to have the common theme of honoring those who sacrifice for us.

In addition, Cinco de Mayo (5th of May) commemorates the victory of the Mexican militia over the French army at The Battle Of Puebla in 1862, contrary to popular but false belief that it is a Mexican Independence Day. However, it has evolved into a day of celebration of Mexican culture and heritage in the U.S.

No matter what and how you celebrate, may this new month bring all of our 4th grade families a warm and beautiful month of family, friends, and laughter.

MAY GOALS

- Complete a long-term research project with quality paper
- Develop the personal character of encouragement, building up one another and not ridiculing or belittling others
- Continuing to work diligently in all academic areas toward a strong finish in June

HERITAGE STUDIES

Our timeline of American History continues with the challenging 80s and 90s with the Cold War, Iran hostage crisis, and Operation Desert Storm to free Kuwait to name a few events. We will continue to delve into mature themes that our fourth graders will only touch upon lightly in class into Chapter 19 which begins with the September 11, 2001 attack on America . Some themes would be best discussed at home in depth depending on the maturity of the individual students and the parents' discretion.

5/12 Ch 17 Test
5/22 Ch 18 Quiz
5/25 Ch 18 Test

BIBLE

May 1-7: Lesson 30: Saul's Conversion
 John 1:17-18 *"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known."*

May 8-12: Lesson 31: Paul's Missionary Journeys
 John 1:15-18 (cumulative)

May 15-19: Lesson 32: The Earthquake at Philippi
 Psalm 23:1-2 *"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,"*

May 22-26: Lesson 33: Paul Faces Opposition
 Psalm 23:3-4 *"He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."*

May 30-June 2: Lesson 34: Paul's final Journeys
 Psalm 23:5-6 *"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*

Every Friday - Quizzes (Content & Verses)

ADVANCED MATH Grade Level 6

Finish Chapter 13 on Ratios, Proportions, and Percents in mid-May. Chapter 14 will involve real-world measurement skills such as telling time, recognizing fahrenheit and celsius temperatures, weight/capacity, and linear measurements. A lot of problem solving skills will be needed!

5/3 Ch 13 Quiz
5/12 Ch 13 Test
5/22 Ch 14 Quiz
6/2 Ch 14 Test

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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

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

May 9: Fourth Grade Field Trip

May 12: Interims Go Home

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

May 19: Nimble Fingers Party

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)

LANGUAGE ARTS

Penmanship: Weekly Tests on Thursdays. One selection from the week's journal writing will be selected for the penmanship test.

Spelling: Weekly Tests on Fridays

Language: After turning in the long-term research paper on Monday, May 8th, students will continue to reviewing the 8 parts of the speech, and then learn about complements as well as explore the dictionary and thesaurus usage. The final review pages will be completed for homework throughout May and June.

5/8 Long-term Research due (2 test grades)
5/17 Dictionary Skill Quiz
5/23 Test 9



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 Fourth 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!



SCIENCE

Students will finish Chapter 10 on Light with a collage that explains how different products use light in real-world scenarios. We'll switch to the world of Biology in this last unit with look inside our bodies through the study of the respiratory and circulatory system. We will learn that our bodies are made with loving care and intricate design, and our study can inspire us to develop new, lifesaving technologies to enhance our human experience.

**In Psalm 139, the Psalmist declared...
 "For you created my inmost being;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
 your works are wonderful,
 I know that full well."**

**5/4 Ch 10 Test
 5/15 Vocabulary Quiz
 5/22 Ch 11 Test
 5/31 Quiz 12B**

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.

READING/WRITING

Reading Grade is a timed weekly Read and Comprehension test on Tuesdays.

Students will apply the skills from the Creative Writing book and Language lessons to write daily in their journals, except on Thursdays.

PE / SPANISH

PE:

Students will review:

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

SPANISH:

Fourth grade students will be continuing their progress in Rosetta Stone. They will continue working on Spanish stories reading and comprehending the material as well as answering questions. They will be reviewing Unit 2 Lesson 2 of the Rosetta Stone workbook.

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

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 which part of Matisse's "The Goldfish" they will be working on.

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!