



THIRD GRADE Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

Welcome

October ushers in the distinctly sharp air of fall. You can almost smell the oncoming march of festive family times, warm books read by a fire, and the climb towards the zenith of the school year.

As leaves turn fiery hues of yellow, red, and orange, our students don their coats and ready themselves for new, exciting units ahead.

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

Math I Grade Level 4

Mr. Thompson

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

- Subtract Money
- Estimating Numbers
- Types of Subtraction
- Word Problem
- Parts of a whole
- Parts of a set
- Fraction of a set
- Compare and Order Fractions
- Add and Subtract Fractions
- Mixed Numbers (Add and Subtract)
- Fractional Parts
- Multiplication
- Division
- Related Facts

Chapter Tests:

- 10/11 Ch. 2 Test
- 10/25 Ch. 3 Test

Upcoming Events

October 2

All students need to bring jackets to school daily starting today

October 6

Interims go home as needed

October 9

Columbus Day Holiday -
NO SCHOOL

October 17

Open House, 10:00am-2:00pm
(for non-registered families)

October 17

APL Meeting, 7:00pm
All Parents Welcome

October 21

APL Sponsored Family Picnic,
Turkey Run Park, McLean
12:00-5:00pm

October 31

Casual Day *(students may wear modest casual clothing - no costumes, please)*

November 1

End of First Quarter

November 1

Parents Schedule
Conferences Online

November 3

Report Cards Go Home

November 6-7

Parent/Teacher Conferences -
NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS

Science 4

What fun we had in September! We'll continue to explore the world of insects, master the PQ3R method of content reading comprehension, become proficient at measuring mass and volume, and end the month with an introduction to Chapter 4: Forces and Machines.

Test/Quiz Dates:

- 10/4 Quiz 2-A
- 10/12 Ch 2 Test
- 10/17 FIELD TRIP
- 10/18 Quiz 3-A
- 10/26 Ch 3 Test
- 10/18 Quiz 3-A

Advanced Math I Grade Level 5

Mr. Zellner

Math will detail increasing levels of multiplication, including an intro to exponents, various approaches to division, and even delve into geometry with circles and triangles.

Math 5 Quizzes:

- October 11
- November 1

Math 5 Tests:

- October 4
- October 18
- October 25

Language

Upper Elementary language students 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 over vocabulary and definitions from Math, and Science, and their Chapter book, *Farmer Boy*.

They will:

- Learn to recognize and write good sentences
- Learn the many ways to punctuate writing
- Review all capitalization/punctuation rules learned in 2nd grade, as well as learn additional rules

Unit Test Dates:

- 10/10 Unit 2 Test
- 10/23 Unit 3 Test

Music

October is an exciting month in music because students have started to establish the routine of our music schedule and we can dig deeper into concepts that were introduced in September. Students will also be introduced to Christmas Program music in mid-October. While it may seem early, because we only meet once a week, it is necessary!

"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world."
Martin Luther

During the month of October, students will:

- identify the October Composer of the Month, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- listen to music by Mozart
- identify the musical staff
- identify absolute pitch /solfege
- identify beat / rhythm
- identify tempo terms
- begin to learn Christmas Program music

Questions? E-mail
mrsbecker@myschoolace.com

Technology

In Technology class this month we will be learning:

- Microsoft Word
- Pages
- Google Docs
- Project in both Word and Pages
- Google Docs challenge

PE / Spanish

This month in PE, students will participate in games that will be working on the basics of basketball:

- Basketball drills
- Basketball Relays
- Hand and eye coordination
- Listening skills

In Spanish Class, students will continue their Rosetta Stone Program. They will review Spanish interrogatives, visually, auditory and kinetically; with challenges, games and worksheets to enhance their knowledge.

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

History

3rd Grade History had fun last month documenting their own histories on a timeline! We reviewed early American History including, the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War. It was no battle for these students to learn!

Next we are learning about...

- Reconstruction Era
- Corruption in the government
- Development of Industry
- City and Rural Life in the 1800s

Test Dates:

- 10/24 Ch. 3 Test

Art

This month our featured artist is Paul Cezanne known as "The Father of Modern Art." We will learn about his life and his artistic style. Students will be working on Still life and using oil pastel for this project.

The 3rd graders will copy Cezanne's "The Blue Vase." They have the option of changing the shape of the vase and flower arrangement.

Bible

In the upcoming Bible lessons students will meet the foremost patriarch of the Christian faith - Abraham. Through Abraham, the unique character trait of faith is illustrated by his journey and hope for the future.

Bible Quizzes:

- October 6
- October 13
- October 20
- October 27
- November 3