



FOURTH GRADE Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

Welcome

Brrr...as the weather turns colder, and we're breaking warmer jackets out of storage, things are still heating up in 4th grade! We're learning a lot about the life of Jesus so that we can "grow in grace and knowledge of God". All throughout October, we'll be learning how to choose to do the harder right over the easier wrong and to become people who are discerning and wise. Keep up the good work in coming to school on time, completing all the homework assignments in a timely manner, and thinking before talking.

T - Is it Truthful

H - Is it Helpful

I - Is it Inspiring

N - Is it necessary

K - Is it Kind

Let's work on a warm and caring classroom environment!

Bible

This month in Bible, we will focus on the following

- The Land Where Christ Lived
- I Corinthians 13:1-7
- Miracles in Galilee and Samaria
- Ephesians 6:1-3
- Christ Reveals His Power
- Ephesians 6:4-5
- Responses to Christ's Power
- Ephesians 6:1-5

Content and Verse Quizzes on Fridays.

Technology

In Technology Class this month we will be learning:

- Microsoft Word
- Pages
- Google Docs
- Projects in Word and Pages
- Google Docs challenge

History

4th grade has mastered the Native American people groups. We enjoyed making books of each different group!

In October we will learn...

- Early American History
- Founding of the 13 Colonies
- Early forms of government
- Growth of Education
- The Great Awakenings
- American Independence
- Revolutionary War

Chapter Tests:

- 10/3 Ch. 2 Test
- 10/17 Ch. 3 Test

Science 5

We'll start October with a Chapter 2 Test on 10/5 and move into Chapter 3: Matter with Chapter 3 Test on 10/26.

Can you define matter, mass, and volume? We will hone our measurement skills, become engineers to test buoyancy by designing a boat, and learn how to separate a mixture.

Test/Quiz Dates:

- 10/13 Quiz 3-A

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

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Parents Schedule
Conferences Online

November 3

Report Cards Go Home

November 6-7

Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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 Quizzes:

- October 11
- November 1

Math Tests:

- October 4
- October 18
- October 25

Advance Math Grade Level 6

Mrs. Johnstone

As you might have noticed by now, Math 6 is all about problem solving and critical thinking. You must keep all of the current chapter in the Return to School section of the Math Subject Folder so that we can continuously review past content. There's no "memorize and dump" in higher math!

We'll start October with Chapter 2 Test and move into Divisions in Chapter 3 and then end the month with Chapter 4 on Fraction Theory.

Test Dates:

- 10/4 Ch 2 Test
- 10/11 Quiz 3-1
- 10/18 Ch 3 Test
- 10/26 Quiz 4-1

We will also learn creative problem solving strategies while preparing for Noetic Math Competition.

Language

Students will continue to develop reading skills, which include:

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

Students will learn, and be quizzed and tested over vocabulary and definitions from Math, and Science, and their Chapter book, *My Side of The Mountain*.

Students will:

- Recognize and use verbs, in all their forms and endings
- Recognize and use nouns—common, proper, compound; plurals of nouns
- Begin diagraming simple and compound sentences

Unit Tests:

- 10/16 L28 Test 3

PE / Spanish

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

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

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

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

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 4th and 5th graders will use Cezanne's "Basket of Apples" as inspiration. We will do a modern twist to this painting by having the children use soda bottle instead of the wine bottle and have the children choose what fruits or pastry to go with the soda bottle.

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.

"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
- review notation of quarter, eighth, dotted quarter, whole, and half notes/rests
- identify and echo sing/speak sixteenth notes
- identify and demonstrate dynamic markings in music
- begin to learn Christmas Program music