



SENIOR KINDERGARTEN Academy of Christian Education NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

Welcome

Happy Fall! The Senior Kindergarten Students are doing a wonderful job acclimating to the routine and schedule of school this year. We are both learning and having fun together.

Please check your child's red folder each night and remember to return it to school each morning.

If you have any questions or concerns - or if there is any way we can be of service to you and your family, please do not hesitate to contact us at mrsgazes@myschoolace.com or misssterling@myschoolace.com.

Letters / Phonics

In Phonics we will review:

- Phonetic sounds of the alphabet
- Blend ladders
 - la, le, li, lo, lu
 - ba, be, bi, bo, bu
- Rhyming,
- One-vowel rules
- Two-vowel rules
- Special Sounds
- Charts 6 and 7

Penmanship

Students will be working on:

- formation
- slant
- size
- touching the lines

Bible

We will learn Stories of:

- Cain and Abel
- Enoch
- Noah's Arc
- The Tower of Babel
- God Calling Abraham

Our Bible verses for October are:

- "A" Verse Romans 3:23
- "O" Verse Psalm 118:1
- "U" Verse Psalm 75:1
- "B" Verse Acts 16:31

Social Studies

The goal of social studies is to develop an interest in history, geography, citizenship, economics, and culture and to present a balanced overview of American heritage.

In October we will discuss:

- God's World
- Animals & People
- Sin & Savior
- Continents & Oceans
- Famous People

Homework

The maximum amount normally assigned is 20-25 minutes per day.

This does not include classroom work or long-term assignments. All students will have Spanish homework on Fridays.

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

Music

October is an exciting month in music. 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 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
- identify the difference between high and low pitch
- identify fast, slow, and steady beat
- demonstrate steady beat / rhythm
- begin to learn Christmas Program music

Math I Grade Level 2

Ms. Kim | Mrs. Francis

This month, students will focus on the Math concepts:

- Odd and Even Decade Numbers
- Expanded Form
- Comparing Numbers
- Begin learning time to the 5 minutes, half hour, and hour
- Elapsed Time

Chapter Test Dates:

- 10/4 Ch. 2 Test
- 10/18 ch. 3 Test
- 11/1 Ch. 4 Test

Math I Grade Level 1

Mrs. Gazes | Ms. Sterling

In Mathematics, we will introduce Speed Drills. A Speed Drill requires solving a set number of math facts in one minute. Students need to memorize math facts in order to do well on speed drills.

Students may practice math flash cards or can practice online at mathletics.com. Each student will be assigned a username and a password to help with learning math facts and concepts.

Students will review:

- Counting from 1-100
- Addition Families 1 - 6
- Number words one through twenty
- Concepts of "zero" / "twins"
- Place value and doubles
- Concepts "one more" / "one less"
- "After" and "ordinal" numbers
- "Greater than" / "less than"
- Pattern sequencing and bar graphs
- Counting by tens
- Story problems
- Penny and dime
- Calendar and one week is seven days
- Subtraction Families 1-5

Technology

In the Senior Kindergarten Technology class this month we will be learning:

- Typing Agent
- iPad functions and usage (ex: buttons, camera, scroll, pinch, rotate, open and close apps, unlock screen)

PE / Spanish

This month in PE, students will be learning the basics of basketball:

- Will be learning the basics of basketball:
- How to dribble a ball.
- How to work as a team
- How to do basketball drills and passes

In Spanish Class, students will continue with the Rosetta Stone program as well as:

- Learn Conversational Spanish
- Review Vocabulary

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

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 Senior Kindergarteners will be drawing apples and pears on a plate.

Spelling

Please help your child memorize the complete list. Students will be tested the following Thursday after they have been given a new spelling list to learn.

- October 5 - List 2
- October 12 – List 3
- October 19 – List 4
- October 26 – List 5