



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2019

IMPORTANT

MARCH 6

Ash Wednesday
12:00 Chapel Service Begins

MARCH 8

Academic Meet
4th - 8th Grade

MARCH 14

Preschool and Kindergarten
Program at 6:30 p.m.

MARCH 15

Chick-fil-a and Spirit Day

MARCH 18 - 22

Spring Break
No School

MARCH 29

BINGO NIGHT

APRIL 2

1st - 3rd Grade Program

APRIL 4

4th - 8th Grade Program

APRIL 8 - 12

1st - 8th Grade Testing

MAY 3

1st - 8th Grade Track Meet
In Ponca City

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

It is hard to believe that we only have three months of the school year left!
Time is flying by!!

This month our 4th -8th graders will be competing in the annual academic meet on Friday, March 8th. This will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Christian Academy in Broken Arrow! Go Lions!!

Ash Wednesday is March 6th. During Lent and on Maundy Thursday, our lunch schedule will change due to our chapel service being held at noon. Check with your teacher regarding what time your student will be going to lunch.

Remember there is no school the week of Spring Break, March 18- 22. School will be closed on Good Friday April 19.

We will also have our preschool and kindergarten program on March 14th at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the sanctuary.

Don't forget BINGO night is coming up! Join us for lots of fun, food and prizes!! This is a fundraiser for next year's 5th grade DC trip.

In HIS Service,

Debbie Swanson
School Director

CONGRATULATIONS CORNER

STUDENT
OF THE MONTH:

RIPLEIGH NIX
8TH GRADE



FIRST PLACE WINNER:
BLAKE STEWART

Congratulations to our National Geographic Geography Bee winner, Blake Stewart. Blake is now in the top 100 in the state of Oklahoma.

If he wins the next competition, he will travel to Washington D.C. to compete nationwide later this year. Go Blake!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

SOCIAL STUDIES

This March we will wrap up our third quarter with a midterm exam in each course. I have asked students to keep all of their prior quizzes to prepare for their midterm and final exams. Additionally, we will be starting our prep for the ACT Aspire tests with the 7th and 8th graders. Finally, growing up in Minnesota, I was aware of how a long winter can affect people's moods. In Oklahoma, we see it, too, as this cold, grey weather drags on. Maybe some of you have seen how quickly snow day joy turned into snow day boredom? We discussed in our classes how we need to recognize when we are running low on patience and remember God's words to forgive others as we have been forgiven.

Thank you for the continued blessing to teach your children.
Mr. Higgins

SCIENCE & MATH

Dear Parents,

As I am writing this on a cold day in February, I reflect on how blessed I am to teach your students. Each is special in his or her own way and it brings joy to my heart.

In math we continue with accelerated curriculums in both 7th and 8th grade. The 8th graders will be prepared for Algebra I next year. The 7th graders in the accelerated curriculum are on pace to finish all 8th algebra concepts by the end of the year. The on level 7th graders will finish the 7th grade book and will probably start the 8th grade book this year. 6th graders are working hard to learn all the new concepts introduced in the 6th grade year when it becomes much more a concept application curriculum rather than a calculation curriculum.

In science, 6th grade has one chapter to finish of the magnetism and electricity unit and then they will go into basic chemistry concepts. 7th grade is finishing a unit on the solar system and will then go into physical science with a unit on states of matter and atoms. The 8th grade students are currently in an earth sciences unit about the geologic time scale and energy resources.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me personally.

Blessings,
Debra Hagemeyer

LANGUAGE ARTS & LITERATURE

March finds 7th and 8th grades finishing up research papers. They are due Wednesday, March 13. These will be fourth quarter grades in both language arts and social studies. 8th grade will finish Lord of the Flies. 7th grade will finish The Giver. 6th grade will finish Tuck Everlasting. We will also be writing over our novels and preparing for testing week in April. Enjoy a restful and fun-filled Spring Break March 18-20!

As always, thank you for sharing your greatest blessings with me.

In His Mercy,
Mrs. Higgins

3-YEAR OLDS

Spring is in the air! Our preschool class has been working hard and I am so proud of how much they have learned! We have now studied numbers 0-20, and will practice counting to 20 every day. Please continue to work on counting at home! This month we will work extra hard on the proper pencil grip. I have lots of fun activities to increase their dexterity and finger muscles. These fine motor activities are a necessary step to writing. Our themes this month are: Community Helpers, Construction, and Transportation. We will study the letters: G, D, and Y. Our Bible lessons are: The Widow's Mite, Jesus Eats with Zacchaeus, and Jesus Rides into Jerusalem. Our Spring Program is on Thursday, March 14. Please plan on attending. Have a blessed month!

Love,
Mrs. Trowbridge

KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to Kindergarten in March! We are continuing to learn so much. We will be reading more books and a couple of fluency readers this month. Please remember to have your child read the book to you and return it. We will be learning the letters D, V and J and the sounds they make. In Math, we will be learning about counting by 5's and 10's, word problems, patterning, adding numbers and counting money. Our learning units for this month are Dr. Seuss, Spring, St. Patrick's Day, and Caterpillars & Butterflies. We will get to watch caterpillars turn into cocoons, then hatch into butterflies. We will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. In Religion, we will be learning about how Jesus heals ten men, Jesus heals the paralyzed man, and Jesus feeds 5,000. Continue to work on the maze packet and send it back to school with your child when it is complete. Maze skills help your child move from concrete thinking to abstract thinking. It also helps them learn to think and plan as they are working. Spring Break is coming up March 18th - March 22nd. Also our Spring Program is March 14th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary of the Church. Bingo night is March 29th.

Love & Hugs,
Mrs. Baker & Mrs. Gerred

PRE-K (HALF DAY)

March is coming in like a lion! We have been very busy this year. We will cover several themes this month, starting with space and the Solar System, which is always a favorite for the children. We will cover letters Rr, Zz, and Kk. After we talk about the Solar System for the next two weeks, we will talk about the weather in Oklahoma. This is the week before Spring Break and a great time to discuss weather safety at home. When we come back from Spring Break we will visit zoo animals. The Bible lesson will revolve around "Jesus takes our sins away." The shape for the month will be a rhombus (diamond). and our number will be 8. Have a super March and a safe Spring Break (March 18-22).

In His Service,
Mrs. Hartman & Mrs, Self

PRE-K (ALL DAY)

Greetings Pre-K Parents,

March has arrived already! February was a very busy month. Thank you again for the sweet valentines and gifts! We had a lot of fun filling our buckets with acts of kindness, showing love, giving hugs and being leaders! In February we finished up with all of the consonants and vowels so we will be reviewing and getting into our small groups. We also finished up with our numbers up to 20 with writing and recognition. We will start with addition using a number line. During our Numbers time we have been working on what number comes before and what number comes after. This will help us with working on telling time. In our small groups those who are ready to start reading will begin with the Little Readers! Homework will not be the same for everyone but it will be the same within the group they are in. Readers will have a sentence included with their homework sheet from our book for them to read to you along with sight words.

Reminders: Please read our classroom weekly newsletters. Please check binders daily for letters that might be sent home from the office.

Dates to remember:

PreK-Spring Program – March 14th

Spring Break – March 18th – 22nd

Family Fun Night/Bingo – March 29th

God's Blessings Always,
Ms. Cambrice

1ST GRADE

I am so proud of how much our first graders have grown in their reading this year! From the first days of simple three-word sentences to now reading whole stories. It is really great fun to see how much they have grown! This month we'll be learning some new letter combinations and sounds. We'll learn about combinations ph and wh; the "ghost letter" digraphs kn, gn, and wr; new vowel digraphs ey and ie; and new trigraphs tch and dge.

In Math we will be very busy comparing and ordering numbers to 100, identifying missing addends, drawing congruent shapes and designs, measuring and drawing line segments to the nearest inch, counting nickels and pennies, and ordering events by time.

In Science, we will learn about motion. We will discuss ways that objects can move, how the forces of pushes, pulls, gravity, and magnets can all cause objects to change speed, direction, and position.

In Social Studies, we will be learning about our changing world. We'll see how the lives of people today are different from the lives of people long ago. We'll look at what schools, technology, and transportation were like. How were they different? How are they the same? We'll learn how advancements cause communities to change over time. We will also visit the Harn Homestead (original Land Run property) on March 28. We will visit and participate in activities in the one-room schoolhouse, the farm house, and the barn.

During this season of Lent, our Bible Lessons will focus on the teachings of Jesus, His parables and miracles, and His journey toward the cross. Our studies will focus on God's love, care, and forgiveness. We will also discuss what it means to live our lives like children of God, trusting in His care and putting Him first in our lives.

Dates to remember in March:

Lunch time variations - Wednesdays: 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, and 3/27 will be 12:50ish - 1:20ish (depending on the time the Noon church service lets out)

All are invited to join us for the noon Lenten services in the sanctuary on those dates.

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward Sunday night, March 10.

March 15th End of 3rd 9 weeks

Spring Break is the week of March 18 - 22

March 28 1st Grade Field Trip to the Harn Homestead

Report cards will be available online beginning Friday, March 29

March 29 BINGO NIGHT

April 2 1st - 3rd Grade Spring Program

In His service,
Mrs. Wyckoff & Mrs. Yoder

2ND GRADE

Dear Second Grade Families,

Happy March! I can't believe Spring is almost here and we will soon be ending our 3rd nine weeks and beginning our 4th and final nine weeks of school. It has really flown by! Your kids are wanting to do some show and share, so be looking for a note to come home when it is your child's turn to bring something to share with the class. In our Bible time, we will be covering the New Testament stories of when Jesus was a boy at the temple, the baptism of Jesus, Jesus and His disciples, Jesus attending a wedding and performing the first miracle of turning water into wine, and Jesus blessing the children. Your children are doing such a great job memorizing the weekly Bible verse. Thank you for working with them on this.

In Math this week, we learned how to multiply by 10. The kids were so excited about this. It made teaching it so much fun! This month, we will also multiply by 1 and by 100. We will learn how to estimate and round to the nearest ten. We will also be identifying, describing and comparing geometric solids (cone, cube, sphere, cylinder, rectangular prism, and pyramid.) In Language Arts, we will be learning about pronouns. We will also be looking for the main idea and supporting details in stories, and begin writing stories after mapping out a main idea and supporting details. Your children are doing well at spelling, A.R. tests, and reading longer chapter books. I will introduce the class to some of the cursive letters this month, so they can begin to get a feel for it before entering third grade.

In Social Studies, We will be discussing changing environments and learning about farming in the past, present and future. We will compare transportation and communication long ago, today and in the future. We will also learn about people of long ago. In Science, we will learn how the weather changes and how we measure weather.

It is sure to be a fun month of learning and playing together. Thank you for sharing these precious kiddos with me. They make me smile daily.

Blessings,
Mrs. Ward

3RD GRADE

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that Spring Break is right around the corner! Thank you for all your help at home with learning multiplication facts! It is such an important skill to have for fourth grade. We will continue to practice math facts through games in class and kindles and we will add x 12's to the times facts that we already are working on. We will also work with the metric system this month with centimeters, meters, kilograms and grams. We will also begin multiplying two digit numbers and continue making the connection between multiplication and division. We will learn different strategies for division, such as fair share, fact families and half of a number. In writing, we will finish up our famous Oklahoman reports and begin researching an endangered animal. In reading, we will learn about point of view, review context clues and continue building our nonfiction reading skills. In science, we will learn about survival in the animal world and how inherited traits, physical features, behaviors and variations all impact survival in the wild. In social studies, our field trip to the Oklahoma History Center will help bring Oklahoma history to life. We will also learn about the unassigned lands and dive a little deeper into pioneer life in Oklahoma. In Bible, we will focus on God coming to us through Means of Grace and God working in us to follow his ways.

In Him,
Mrs. Villagran

4TH GRADE

Welcome back to the ranch! Here's what's been happening...In religion we have learning about the 12 men that Jesus hung out with, some of them had quite the personalities! We will journey with them a while longer. In reading we are finishing up the Indian in the Cupboard and will start the Whipping Boy next. It is a story set in Medieval England and deals with the themes of friendship, honor and loyalty.

Math finds us doing multiple digit multiplication and getting ready to start long division....Say a little prayer for us. In science and social studies we are taking a bit of a break from the book and are learning about the Iditarod, the great dog sled race in Alaska. We have each chosen a musher to research and will follow them as they race from Anchorage to Nome. We had a wonderful time at the Western Heritage Museum, we really learned a lot (like what a cowboy smells like after 3 months on the trail phew) we helped with chapel and everyone did an awesome job! Right now we are busy preparing for the academic meet on March 8th. It always amazes me how much these guys know. Spring break is fast approaching and it always seems that time goes really fast after that. Be sure to come and see the 4th-8th grade play, Lewis and Clark on April 4th ...You will be glad you did.

Riding his trail,
Mrs. Reusch

5TH GRADE

Hello from 5th. Grade! The month of February has flown by and now March is upon us. It won't be long until Spring break. This month has been very busy with the introduction of a new Math book. It seems to be going well. We have been learning about ordering decimals and graphing ordered pairs. Science has us studying about ecosystems and the water cycle. In Social Studies we have been learning about the three branches of government. We have been doing reports on famous black scientists for Black History month. It appears that our Washington D.C. trip fundraising is about over. A lot of hard work has been done by parents and students. Congratulations to all who helped with this project! Well, that's about it for 5th. Grade. Hope all are safe and warm. Can't wait till Spring!

Yours in Christ,
Mr. Moore

