

the SPARK

September 5, 2013

From the teachers:

With thankfulness to the LORD, we have begun our third year at Ambassadors Christian School! We are so blessed to have such a great group of teachers, students, and volunteers that make this dream a reality. I cannot thank everyone enough for the work you all put in this summer to get the school ready for another year. Whether you were cleaning carpets, washing walls, painting, (cleaning bathrooms I hear) or moving furniture, your help over the summer has been really valuable and appreciated.

Everyone seems to be beginning to get into the swing of things. The students are experiencing a number of changes this year. Instead of starting with devotions right at 8:30, the students are coming in and getting right to work on journal entries, Spelling, or silent reading. This has been a really positive change as the students don't come in and wonder what they should be doing with themselves. I believe we are being much more efficient with our time and really starting our day on the right foot.

We've also separated the groups up quite a bit more. Since Sara has been hired on to take on more time, we are able to have the grades 1 and 2's start

their day off with me and grades 3-7 start their day off in the Library with Sara. They also have their lunch break separately too, allowing us to read books to them at age appropriate levels. All in all, I think the changes have really been positive to the student's learning.

The students are still looking forward to being the "Star of the Week." As always, they may bring in one hot lunch when it is there week and we will spend a bit of time celebrating that individual. I would love it if the students for this round of Star of the Week could each bring in 4 or 5 things that they love or that represent who they are to present to the class. This time, we will be going through the list in alphabetical order according to first name. Lucky Anna, is first... again...

This month, grades 1 and 2 are embarking on an exciting adventure as we study Dr. Theodor Seuss Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss). Students and teacher alike are really enjoying his books. If you'd like to do a bit of enrichment at home, you can have them surf around on Dr. Seuss's website. Check out www.seussville.com!

A number of dates to note are Wednesday, September 11, and Wednesday, September 25. Next Wednesday is the annual volunteer

information evening. We would love to see as many volunteers classroom there as possible, as we will be covering more than just the basics that we have in the past. I have it under good authority that we will be covering abuse policies as well as studying The Photocopier... Friend, not Foe (Ok, I made that last part up).

Also, I am excited to report that Evelyn Aasman, the Special Education coordinator at Timothy Christian School will be coming to speak to us about Special Education and how to set up a Special Education program on September 25. I'm sure she will also have more things to talk about other than just that... something about an at-home reading program. More details will follow in the near future. For now... please stick these dates on your calendar!

Praying you all have a very restful weekend after the first of many busy weeks!

Mrs. Smith

Hello/Bonjour,
Back in late July when I started getting things ready for my new role at ACS, I was already looking forward to saying 'I have just completed the first week of my 3rd year at ACS'. All 3 of my first weeks have been different. Juggling 8 French students in 5 grades was one thing but now 12 students in 3 different groups and 7 grades sure is different. It has been quite the week. It will take us a bit to get used to the changes but I know I am very excited about them. The students were very focused and worked hard from day one in all 3

subjects that I am teaching. It did take a bit to get them remembering what they had tucked away for 8 weeks. I called this week 'oiling week' since they were pretty rusty. :-)

Every student received a yellow sheet of paper in their Notetotes. Over the next week or two we will begin working on The Lord's Prayer in French. That will be their memory work from September-December this year. I will be emailing to you and you can also find it on the school website, a youtube link with the prayer recited. It will help facilitate memorization and pronunciation.

I am very thankful for my colleague and 'boss' Mrs Smith and for the 12 students God has given me the privilege to collaborate in teaching and learning from every day.

Mrs Ludwig

Looking Ahead:

Bible History:

-The birth of John the Baptist Foretold (Luke 1:5-25)

-The birth of Jesus announced; Mary visits Elizabeth; Mary's song (Luke 1:26-56)

-The birth of John the Baptist; Zechariah's song (Luke 1:57-80)

Memory Work: Psalm 108:1

Star of the Week: Anna

Spelling/Sight Words:

Grade 1: *Sight words* some, as, then, could, when

Grade 2: cap, map, lap, nap, big, dig, pig, wig, pot, hot, lot, dot, jet, met, net, yet, cut, nut, cubs, tubs, you, your, yours

Grade 3: stop, chop, mops, shops, fed, shed beds, sleds, thin, shin, pin, chin, ten, men, then, when, slam, swam, hams, clams, sum, hum plums, drums, who, what, two

Grade 4: brave, these, theme, while, quite, rule, huge, backbone, homesick, limestone, landslide, fireplace, lifetime, done, gone, Numbers, Deuteronomy

Grade 5: testament, sympathy, embarrass, fantasy, fantastic, mattress, arithmetic, oxygen, festival, festivity, origin, custom, agony, victory, original, victorious, Colorado, California

Grade 6: mental, mentality, moral, morality, formal, formality, technical, technicality, hospital, hospitality, punctual, punctuality, individual, individuality, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria

Grade 7: recommend, medicine, incumbent, memorize, tripod, shepherd, civilized, measles, commitment, void, penguin, successfully, semicolon, rhythm, cardigan, formerly, overwhelming, valedictorian, meringue, rhinoceros, precious, marvelous

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, Sept. 11 – Volunteer evening

Wednesday, Sept. 25 – Evening with Evelyn Aasman