

ADVANCED LEARNING ACADEMY



ALA News

Wow! Is November really already here? Just a quick reminder about ALA dues. For those of you who have not yet paid, we are asking you to do so as soon as possible. We are short funds, and may need to do a fundraiser to help with student and classroom needs. If everyone will pay their dues, the fundraiser will not be necessary.

On December 13th, both the 1st and 2nd grade play and the 3rd - 6th Grade ALA Choir concert will be performed. 1st and 2nd grade students will be wearing their costumes. 3rd - 6th Grade students will be wearing their Choir clothes; white long sleeved button up shirt, black pants, black shoes and black socks. If anyone needs help with getting choir clothes, please see Jami Tolman or Amber John.

Last month, we announced that we would be taking a trip to the Environmental Center. This has been cancelled. Later on in the year, we will be going to *This is the Place Heritage Park*. We are really looking forward to this fun and educational opportunity. Watch for more information to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 1 No School

Nov. 3 PTA Movie Night

Doors open 6:00

TCE Fun Day

Chew gum or wear
a hat for \$1.

Nov. 20 - 24 No School

Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 13

6:00 1st & 2nd Grade

Christmas Play

6:45 3rd - 6th ALA Choir

Christmas Concert



Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Shirts

My name is Mrs. Shirts and I am very happy to have joined the ALA teaching staff this year. This is my 22nd year as an educator in the Ogden School District. I have taught at both Bonneville and Heritage Elementary Schools, in both the 3rd & 5th Grades. I am married and have three sons. All of my sons were, or currently are, students in the Advanced Learning Academy. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time associated with this great program. I was raised in Southern Davis County, and graduated from Woods Cross High School. I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Weber State University, and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an Emphasis in Reading in the Elementary Grades, from Grand Canyon University. When I'm not teaching, I enjoy reading, outdoor sports, traveling, hiking, swimming, technology, and spending time with my family. I am absolutely loving this opportunity. I have an amazing class, and I look forward to getting to know many more of you in the future.

First Grade News – Mrs. Eddy

Wow! Can you believe that we have completed 2 whole months of school already? The pumpkin wagons were a success. We have a field trip to the Nature Center on November 6th. We will be spending the morning at the Nature Center. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Parts have been passed out for the Christmas play that we will be performing in December. We will be practicing both the lines and the songs for the play throughout November. We will have a combined November and December project. This will be a service project. More will come home about this project soon.



Pajama Day!



Crazy Hair Day!



**Red
Ribbon
Dress
Up Days**

Second Grade News – Miss Carter

Award Winners:

Literature:

Russell Krebs - Award of Excellence

Ethan Reeves - Honorable Mention

Visual Arts:

Kegan Cheney - Honorable Mention

Gracie Horner - Honorable Mention

3-D Arts:

Dax Malan - Award of Excellence

Ethan Reeves - Honorable Mention

Music Composition:

Russell Krebs - Award of Excellence

Photography:

Charlie Spendlove - Award of Merit

Sam Leon - Honorable Mention

Teagen Lamprecht - Honorable Ment.

Dance:

Sam Leon - Award of Excellence

Film Production:

Russell Krebs - Award of Excellence

Our October project was to enter the Reflections Contest. This year's theme was, Within Reach. It's great fun to see all of the projects. The students in our class won several awards. Any student that receives an Award of Excellence or Merit moves on to Council Level.

Our September project was to build a wagon that would hold 20 candy pumpkins. It was a blast to see all the different wagons and how they were designed. All of our wagons held 20 pumpkins with none falling off when the wagon was moved.

December 13, 2017 will be our Christmas play. Our play will begin at 6:00. Students will need to be to the school by 5:15 to get changed into their costumes. More information will be coming out in the middle of November.



Third Grade News – Mr. Bruckman

CIA I is now in the rearview mirror! The 3rd grade students did very well on both the Language Arts and Math tests. On the Language Arts test 17 out of 22 students (77%) scored in the proficient range and 13% in the approaching proficient range. We had 95% of our students score in the proficient range in Math and 5% in the approaching proficient range. Congratulations to all of the students for a job well done!

There are still some areas we need to work on, so intervention groups have been formed and we are working on strengthening those areas. We welcome Miss Anderson into our room who will be assisting with these small group interventions. We will switch from Language Arts to Math every other day and focus on necessary skills.

Just this week, 3rd grade had the awesome opportunity to participate in Astro Camp at Odyssey Elementary. Students learned about levers, pulleys, wheels and axles, screws, wedges and the inclined plane. We also learned from an actual rocket scientist, Mrs. Jensen about thrust and rocket engines. Each student constructed their own straw rocket and was able to launch it in the classroom.

The second term is just beginning and we will be focusing on a lot of important standards. In Math we will be learning multiplication and division. Students will learn the multiplication table up through 12 and be able to solve problems with unknown variables. Words like factors, products, arrays, dividend, divisor and quotient will become common vocabulary in the classroom and hopefully at home also! Any time that can be spent at home working on memorizing the multiplication table will be very beneficial for the students.

As I'm sure you are aware, we are entering into a very busy time of the year. I wish you all a very enjoyable holiday season and hope that time will always be taken to discuss events of school and subjects being learned. Please double check winter clothing to make sure students can stay warm and dry when the weather offers the opposite.

Thank you for your continued support!



HALLOWEEN FUN!

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Shirts

Our 4th graders are FANTASTIC, and have been working very hard. They earned great scores on our first CIA tests, and have just about mastered multiplication. We also had many Reflections winners. Several students in our class have projects moving on to the council level.

In Science, we have been learning all about the clouds, what causes them to form, and how we can use them to predict the weather. We've observed and tracked clouds, and charted and compared weather data between Ogden, and other cities all around the world. Then, the students created PowerPoints to use in teaching each other about severe types of weather. Currently, our fourth graders are working on writing and preparing their own weather forecasts to share with the class.

During Red Ribbon Week, we enjoyed the dress up days and activities. Our 4th graders have great imaginations, and really enjoyed dressing up. Along with the dress-ups, ribbons, and prizes, we wrote persuasive essays about why it's important to stay away from drugs and alcohol. We discussed ways to say "No", and brainstormed other activities, and habits that we can do instead, to live a healthier life.

5th/6th Grades - Mrs. Miller

It has been such a busy time with Parent Teacher Conference, Testing and fall break. Thank you to all who came to conference and took your time so we could solidify our commitment in working together for the success of your child. That being said, the coolest news is that we tested at 87% on the District Language Arts Test. The district average was 61%. We worked very hard to achieve that. Way to go!

For Halloween, we did our Mystery Theater. Kids came as their character and we tried to solve the mystery together. It was a great deal of fun. Mrs. Gorton headed up the treat part of the party for us.

In class, we are starting our study of the Revolutionary War, and writing opinion essays. We just finished reading Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving and have also been reading some other hauntingly interesting literature like excerpts from Frankenstein and Dracula. Learning to love literature will give them something interesting to do for their entire life. Please share what you read with your child. Your example makes a huge impact on whether they will be readers too.



Mrs. Shirts' Reflections Winners

5th/6th Grades - Miss Lundgren

5th

We are continuing to explore physical and chemical changes in class, but we had some presenters from WattSmart come and talk to us about energy conservation, and how to make choices daily to make energy efficient choices. Electricity will be

our next major science unit, so it was fun to start learning more about how we are impacted by energy transference.



6th

While we are still studying space exploration and our solar system, we had a presentation from the Loveland Living Planet Aquarium that let us begin to learn about the impact of invasive species on ecosystems which will be a unit of study later in the year. We even had the opportunity to meet some animals from the aquarium that came with the presenters!



Enrichment News – Mrs. Van Hook

Hola from Enrichment! If you happen to walk by the garden on the north side of the school, you might notice that students in Garden Club have planted shrubs. We work hard in Garden Club to beautify our school. In case you are unaware, the University of Utah is my classroom university. In the coming months, we will learn some things about the “U”.

These beautiful, crisp fall days will allow us to take some of our learning outside. 1st graders are predicting and learning what the functions of the different parts of a plant are. We will test our predictions through performing different experiments that the students design. Additionally, we will be learning and using Spanish number vocabulary.

2nd graders had fun shaping salt into continents. Now they are becoming adept at using Google Earth on the iPads to locate cities and countries all over the planet. Pumpkin Math is on the horizon, soon to edge its way into our curriculum.

3rd grade students loved looking at visible light through prisms and diffraction glasses. We are becoming experts with thermometers and will soon be outdoors comparing heat absorption of different colors. Our Fibonacci art project will be completed in our spare moments.

4th graders are perfecting their abacus skills. Wow! Their demonstrations of different mathematical operations on abaci are impressive! Multiplication on the abacus might just be a breeze for them! In Spanish, we will work to complete our animal unit and ordinal numbers.

5th graders used deductive reasoning to identify some mystery powders. The changes that occurred provided evidence that allowed them to decide if chemical or physical reactions happened, as well as the ability to identify the powder. Students are halfway finished with their Spanish Fashion show preparations.

6th graders have provided a beautiful display of Fibonacci accordion booklets outside my classroom, utilizing pictures taken at the Botanical Gardens. Sundials are finished and students will be using them to gather data over the next 6-7 weeks. In their spare time, students will be “inventing” water clocks or candle clocks, devices used in Medieval times to tell time. Lagrange points in space are next on the table for our space explorations.