



Zion Classical Academy

Monthly Newsletter

October 2024



Routines and Memory

The school year is in full swing through September. Students and teachers are in their typical routines and days are flying by quickly. Our October month is packed full of events, especially for our teachers. Conferences are quickly approaching, professional learning days, and we are nearing the end of our first quarter already!

Our students have been working hard on recitations and knowing our school's mission; creating students who use truth, wisdom, and virtue. Many students have chosen Bible verses as part of our morning recitations and we are proud of their efforts.

Important Announcements

Cooler Weather

The morning weather in October can be quite chilly in Nebraska. Please make sure students come prepared by having a jacket or coat, hats, and gloves. We will continue being outside for recess, as weather permits, and it will be more enjoyable for students if they are well dressed for the Nebraska October temperature swings! Please be sure to put names on tags of clothing that can be easily lost.

Smart Devices and Toys

Students are reminded that toys, such as Pop-Its and other fidgets, are prohibited. Such items need to be left at home or in backpacks. Teachers can collect these items if they are not put away, and parents can pick them up after school.

Cell phones, and smartwatches, are not allowed to be used on the school campus. Phones can be left in backpacks. If students use them in hallways, on the playground, or during lunchtime, teachers can collect them. Parents can pick them up after school.

Art, Music, and PE

ZCA students get opportunities to experience wonderful teachers outside of their classroom. Students work on visual art skills with Mrs. Shriver. They connect with history and explore meaning in art, as well as practice techniques for craftsmanship.

Each student visits the music classroom twice weekly for vocal and rudimentary instrumental exploration. Students work toward music literacy and playing games while learning.

Each student has Physical Education twice per week. Students learn about positive competition, gross body movement skills, and healthy habits for strong bodies.



Cornucopia, November 9

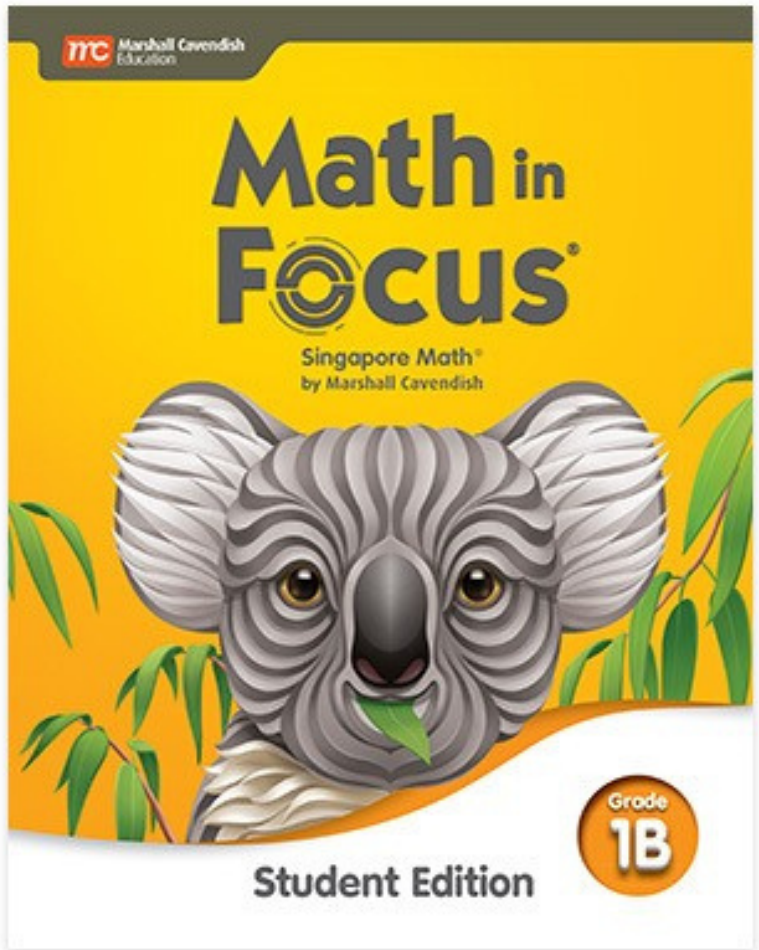
Cornucopia is right around the corner. Our yearly event will be on November 9th, at 6:30 pm. Mr. Adams and Mr. Fink will co-host the evening's events. Last year's cornucopia event raised over \$50,000! We look forward to seeing you at the bake sale of bake sales!

(An attachment of the event will be in the newsletter)

Curriculum Night, Oct 22

This year's curriculum night will be on October 22nd from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Some of our staff will be present to discuss and model the teaching of our new math curriculum called "Math in Focus." The program is quite different than our old systems. The largest differences are the modes in which students learn. Students start with concrete examples (think counting blocks), moving toward pictorial (pictures), and eventually toward abstract (thought only).

Math fluency is vital for student success. Continue practicing those facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division! Like reading, the more students have opportunities for correct practice, the better. Flashcards are a great way to practice. The best way to memorize new facts is with a ratio of 9:1, with nine known facts compared to one new fact. That may seem small, but young brains often experience cognitive overload and memories get mixed up. It's best to ensure correct practice with the ratio until facts can be accurately recalled three times in three consecutive sessions.

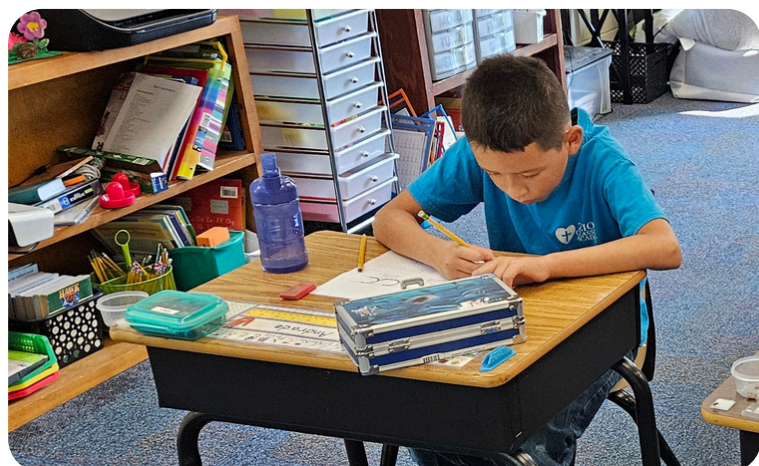


Enrichment

Teachers and students started a new 30-minute enrichment time that occurs daily. Students will be given reading instruction at their ability level. All students learn at a slightly different rate. Differentiated instruction assists teachers with the variances in student learning rates. Enrichment groups are often smaller to practice specific skills. All our adults are helping to accommodate. Parents are encouraged to read with their children as frequently as they can!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Our parent-teacher conferences are on October 8th and 10th from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. Please be sure to sign up for a time to meet with your teacher(s) to dialogue about your child's success. The teachers and the office will be sending out information soon on how to sign up.





OCTOBER Zion Classical Academy Lunch Menu 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1 Main: Tortellini Side: Green Beans Garlic Toast	2 Main: Grilled Cheese Side: Tomato Soup	3 Main: Cheesy Potato Soup w/ham Side: Dinner Roll	4 Main: Pizza Side: Corn
7 Main: Taquitos Side: Beans	8 Main: Rib Sandwich Side: Green Beans	9 Main: Hamburgers Side: Mac & Cheese	10 Main: Grilled Chicken Side: Corn	11 No School
14 Main: Hot Dog Side: Mac & Cheese	15 Main: Meatball Sub Side: Green Beans	16 Main: Lasagna Side: Garlic Toast	17 All Church Worker's Day No School	18 All Church Worker's Day No School
21 Teacher Professional Day No School	22 Main: Grilled Chicken Side: Green Beans	23 Main: Tacos Side: Beans	24 Main: Popcorn Chicken Side: Peas	25 Main: Taquitos Side: Cottage Cheese
28 Main: Grilled Chicken Side: Salad	29 Main: Popcorn Chicken Side: Green Beans	30 Main: Lasagna Side: Garlic Toast	31 Main: Chicken Noodle Soup Side: Dinner Roll	Nov 1. No School All Saint's Day

ZCA is an equal opportunity provider.
Fresh fruit and vegetables available daily.





Zion Classical Academy's

4th Annual

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— Dessert Auction —

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 9, 2024

465 Marian Rd, Hastings, NE 68901

Doors open at 6:30pm

Prime Rib Dinner served at 7:00pm
provided by Well Sauced BBQ and Catering

Dessert Auction Following Dinner

Every dollar raised is matched
up to \$75,000



**Reserved
Table**

\$250

Includes 8 tickets
AND your name or
business advertised
at your table

**Dinner
Sponsor**

\$300

Your name or business
will be advertised at the
buffet table

Tickets NOT included

**Event
Sponsor**

\$500

Your name or business
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at the event

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