



# The Christ Chronicles



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Mrs. Christ's Message	<p>I do believe that spring has finally sprung; you can feel the warmth in the air and the sense the energy from the students school-wide. While the physical energy is going strong, we need to keep the mental energy strong and focused as well.</p> <p>We are winding down now towards the end of the year and state testing begins next week. The STAR testing block is scheduled for Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> through Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>. All testing will occur during the first instructional block of the morning until 11:20 am. It is imperative that your child arrive to school on time and is in attendance during this two week period. Also, a good night sleep and a healthy hearty breakfast will increase a child's brain power and attention span which can increase your child's overall performance level on the test!</p> <p>Remember that during this often stressful time for kids to have a chat with your child to help put him/her at ease. Let them know they are fully prepared and will do a fantastic job. In addition, volunteers cannot sign in at LCH until 11:30 am for the next two weeks, thanks for your help and understanding</p>
Important Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>STAR Testing:</b> May 4<sup>th</sup> –15<sup>th</sup>, please avoid scheduling appointments for your child during this two-week period☺</li> <li>• <b>Memorial Day: No School = Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.</b></li> <li>• <b>Open House: May 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:00 pm.</b></li> </ul>
Kudos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One more big thank you to Kirsten Recce's team of seamstresses that helped raise \$305 for LCH at Casino Night, thanks a million!</li> </ul>
Language Arts/ Reading/ Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Theme 5:</u>“Black Cowboy, Wild Horses” by Julius Lester <u>Genre:</u> Biography</li> <li>• <u>Instructional Concepts:</u> strategy focus: evaluate: comprehension skill: making judgements/forming opinions, identify influence of setting, spelling: final ending sounds, critical thinking &amp; discussion, grammar: double subjects; we &amp; us with nouns, vocabulary development: review of syllabication &amp; parts of speech, and written response: writing an explanation.</li> <li>• <u>Writer's Workshop: Story Writing:</u> Students will use begin writing a creative short story. They will focus on literary elements included in a story. This project will take us the next three - four weeks and at the end each student will have a beautifully bound published story; student authors will showcase their book at the LCH author's fair and will later be shared &amp; presented at Open House.</li> <li>• <u>Literature Circle Novels:</u> <b>Group #1:</b> <i>The Phantom Tollbooth</i> <b>Group #2:</b> <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> <b>Group #3:</b> <i>From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i></li> </ul>
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ch. 14 Objectives: Geometry: Volume and Surface Area: Assessment is scheduled for Tuesday.</u></li> <li>• <u>Ch. 17 Percents:</u> In this chapter students will be introduced to percents, relate fractions, decimals, and percents and apply them to real world situations while developing problem solving skills.</li> </ul>
Science, Social Studies & Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Earth Science:</b> For the next week we will study the Solar System. Students will discover that the Solar System consists of planets and other bodies that orbit the Sun in predictable patterns. &amp; Energy from the sun heats Earth unevenly, causing air movements that result in changing weather patterns.</li> <li>• <b>State PowerPoint Research Project Due: Friday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.</b> Project Criteria, Timeline and PowerPoint template posted online at: <a href="http://www.teacherweb.com/CA/LaCostaHeights/NatalieChrist/photo5.stm">http://www.teacherweb.com/CA/LaCostaHeights/NatalieChrist/photo5.stm</a></li> </ul>
Star	<p>This week I am pleased to announce that <b>Ernesto Torres</b> is our shining star. His positive character traits are noteworthy for being a constructive thinker and problem solver. He is caring and kind to his peers and is very creative.</p>