

I know it was true for me but on Friday I went home very tired. Back into a routine, a schedule, and keeping up with young children all week was an adjustment. Good, but tiring.

I know you are aware of the staffing challenges we were faced with this summer. I lost a few nights sleep, but I should learn better and trust that God provides, God is faithful, God cares for His children, and he had a plan for LCS. He revealed His plan to us in August! Praise be to God! When the staff started meeting and working together in August and then again last week, there were times that I just marveled that we have great people in great places to serve LCS. They are a good team, and I am excited to work with them this year. Your children are in the hands of teachers and support staff who love and care for them.

I am also keenly aware that we are supported by an amazing community of parents, grandparents, and supporters. That was evident again this year at the BBQ. What a great night of food and friendship. It was good to see so many people connecting and re-connecting, sharing stories, and displaying an overall excitement to get school started. We also had a great opening assembly. It was good to worship with the students, teachers, and our community. We had 100 adults beginning the school year with us to worship and support the cause of LCS. What a sign of partnership. What a blessing! Add to all this the volunteers. We have volunteers in the classrooms, the library, coaching sports, and of course attending meetings to accomplish the required tasks of the school. We are thankful for everyone who commits time and effort to the cause of Christian education at LCS.

As always, if you have any joys or concerns, ideas or questions, feel free to contact me at the school by phone (519-291-3086) or email (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca). Let's partner as parents and teachers for the children God has blessed us with.

September Events

14- Grade 7 Immunization Forms due to office
15- Pizza & Milk forms due
28- Soccer Tournament



Sept 11 Ronella W	Sept 13 Dominic M
Sept 14 Ellie W	Sept 18 Carina A
Sept 18 Reid H	

October Events

5- Cross Country Meet- Cambridge
9- Thanksgiving Day- No school
10- Grade 7 Immunizations
12- Cross Country Meet- Drayton
23- LCS Information Evening 7-9
24- Picture Day
26 & 27- Edvance Convention- No School

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

Everyone has had their first day of school! What a busy week of new schedules and routines, and new friends. This Tuesday all students will begin coming both days to school.

This week, we will be playing a listening game called "Ears Only" to practice distinguishing sounds. We will also be listening to words that rhyme to hear the same sound. Last week we learned that our names are made up of letters and that we each have a first letter in our name. We will be saying the first sound of our names again this week.

In **Bible**, we learned about when God began creating the earth by creating light. Our memory verse for the month was introduced and we practiced actions to go with it. Our **memory verse** is Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." We are also singing the song "Jesus Loves Me" this month.

In **math**, we will be talking about "same" and "different". We will do some sorting by colour to practice this concept.

In **health**, we will begin our first unit and learn how in many ways we are all the same, but that God has made us each unique, or special, in our own way as well. We will look at our fingerprints to see one way we are unique.

Tuesday will be JK's first music class with Mrs. Wright. We will also have our first **Library day** on Tuesday and students will be able to choose a book to take home. Books are to be returned the following Tuesday so students may choose new books.

I look forward to a great week with all students together!

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

We had a fantastic first week of school! We are learning the colour words through sounds and songs. By the end of September, each student will have their own colour book. This week we will focus on colours green, blue, purple and pink. We will have a show and tell this week which means that everyday a table group will be allowed to bring in a show and tell item that is their favourite toy or favourite colour. If you happen to miss the day you are assigned, just bring it the following day.

So here is the schedule:

MONDAY: Aria, Dominic, Timothy and Kaylee

TUESDAY: Addison, Karissa, Michael and Josiah

THURSDAY- Roman, Alec, Adalie, Isaiah and Olivia

FRIDAY- Ruby, Cameron, Wesley, Henri and Jolene

This week will focus on the letter Aa and the short vowel sound "Aa". We will hunt around the room with finger lights to find the letter "a's" and will be introduced to the word "the".

In **math**, we will be counting the number of letters in our name, counting objects up to 10 and printing numbers to 5.

In **Bible**, we will begin with the creation story. Day 1 and 2. Our memory verse is Genesis 1:1 and 31 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. God saw all that he had made and it was very good."

We had a good first week. I am excited for the second week as we get to experience daily routines and new activities.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca or text me at 519-492-2981
Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog

What an amazing first week at school! It feels good getting into a routine after summer holidays.

Bible: Our unit for the first part of September is called The World God Made. The first stories start with a study of a New Testament epistle, 1 John, which will challenge us to find ways to apply our faith in Jesus. Our memory verse that we will practice is "Do what the Lord says is good and right. Then things will go well for you." Deuteronomy 6:18.

Math: We jumped right into our Jump math books at the end of our first week. This week, we will continue looking at sorting and reviewing our numbers to 20.

Language: We will be working on reviewing rhyming words and listening for the beginning, middle and ending sounds of simple words. In our printing book, we will be reviewing our corner capital letters.

Creation Studies: We are starting our unit titled "Mapping My Home". We will look at using words to give directions as well as creating a map of our classroom.

Show and Tell: Every Friday, we will have a few students who will have a chance to bring something that is special to them and share about it with the class. This Friday: Boston, Jazlyn, Melanie and Caleb will have a chance to bring something to show to the rest of the class.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at h.denhartog@listowelchristianschool.ca or text me at 226-971-3896
Have a great week!

Announcements

Digital Media Release and Field Trip Permission Form

Coming home today is a digital media release form and field trip permission form (double sided paper)

Please sign/date and return to the office by Fri Sept 22nd. If you have any questions about the form please email the office at office@listowelchristianschool.ca

Cross Country

We are starting practices for cross country this week. Anyone in Grades 3-8 are welcome to come and try out. Grade 3 and 4/5 have practices Wednesdays and Fridays, and Grade 5/6 and 7/8 will practice Mondays and Thursdays. All practices happen during the school day at 10:20am, before snack recess. Our tournament dates are October 5th and 12th. In order to make the team, students need to be able to run all their laps and attend all practices.



Student Information Forms

Coming home in the kidmail today are student profiles with all the general information that we have on file here at the school. Please review, make necessary changes and bring back **signed** with your initials to the school- even if there are no changes to be made we would still like them returned.
Thank-you!

Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers

I am so grateful for such a wonderful start to our school year. I'm already feeling so blessed to be a part of the LCS community. Thank you to everyone who has checked in and sent welcoming messages.

This week at a glance:

Math - Patterning

Science - God's Creatures Large & Small! Remember to bring in a stuffy/ toy/ picture on Wednesday along with 3 facts to share.

Heath - Who God Created Us to Be

Media Studies - We will be exploring what the different forms of media around us are and discussing how much we see them and how they influence us. An activity will come home on Thursday to complete for next Thursday.

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

I hope your child had a wonderful first week in Grade 2. I enjoyed having them the first day and think that we are going to have a wonderful year of learning together. Here is an outline of their work with me for this week:

Math - Number sense: We are working on numbers 1-10 for the month of September.

Phonics, spelling and reading: For the next two weeks, we will be introducing the key concepts of our sound wall and the 44 phonemes of spoken English. This will serve as preparation for teaching these different elements throughout the year.

Creation studies - Social science: This week we start our unit on "Mapping my neighbourhood" where our focus for the week will be on naming God's world and where we are in God's world.

Bible: In the next few weeks we will be studying the book of James. During this time your child may bring home activity sheets for some of our lessons. At the bottom of these pages will be room for you and your family to add more suggestions for Christian Living. Please consider discussing these wise ways to live.

Library: We will have our first library tomorrow. They are allowed to borrow 2 library books at a time. If they return the books the next week, they can either renew it or get 2 new books. Please encourage them to develop the habit of bringing their books to school every Tuesday, even if they would just like to renew it.

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

What a great week we had last week. I'm looking forward to another week of learning and growing together. On Friday I sent an email to everyone about our first week. If you did not receive it please email me at c.claus@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Bible: We are learning about Paul and the Ephesians.

Math: We are learning about patterns.

Language: We are learning about the different sounds our mouths make. We have started our penmanship books and our writing books.

Creation Studies: We are starting a unit on trees!

Gym: It's soccer season here!

Have a great week!

Mrs.Claus

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Welcome to our second week of school! We had a great first week in Grade 4/5, getting to know each other better. I look forward to an awesome year ahead together! - Mrs. Delleman

Library - Our library time is on WEDNESDAY each week. We will start library this week and students will be able to sign out a couple books weekly.

Memory Work - We have been talking about our theme for the year - the Beatitudes - and will be learning the verses for the Beatitudes at the beginning of the year. We will have our first memory work due NEXT FRIDAY - Matthew 5:1-2 - "Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them." Students will need to have memory work memorized so they can recite it to the teacher during our typing time at the end of the day on Fridays.

Spelling - We will be working on different spelling teams this year. Stay tuned for team names and list words for each group starting soon! I use Spelling City regularly and post lists on the website. If you go to spellingcity.com/tdelleman, students will be able to access their lists and play games online using their words. We will be looking at this website in class as well. We work on spelling words for two weeks before a dictation.

Grade 4/5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

Bonjour! We spent our first three classes on some review of: colours; introduction of oneself with given but yet-to-be personalized phrases; a few of the greeting options [i.e. Bonjour, Salut, Bon Matin], possibilities for answering "Comment ça va?" [=How is it going/How are you?]; and components of the date (i.e. day of the week, the day's calendar number, the months of the year, etc.).

The Grade 5/6 class has been focusing also on numbers/counting with Grade 5's target being up to 70 and Grade 6's target being up to 100.

We will be reviewing/relearning weather descriptors and the four [Canadian] seasons.

Merci! for your continued support of your child[ren] as they endeavour to learn and make use of a second official Canadian language.

Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle

So thankful for a great first week of school! I was thoroughly impressed by the grade five and six students' ability to demonstrate grit, communicate, work together, build community, and try their best in all things.

Remind - Please join our grade five and six Remind group. Our class code is 9g6a69ka

Class Facebook group - Please join our private class Facebook group "Grade Five/Six" if you have not already done so to stay up-to-date on class happenings, see pictures, class work and learn a little bit more about me and my teaching philosophy. There is a QR code listed on the LCS parent Facebook that will direct you to the page.

Cereal Boxes - If anyone has any empty cereal boxes please send them in.

Bible - We will beginning a unit Colossians.

Language - We will be focusing on nouns. We will also be looking at instructional writing and being specific and detailed with our writing.

Social Studies - We will begin a unit called "Why is there French on my cereal box?" Which will explore terms such as culture and worldview.

Science - We will begin a unit Called "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" where we will be looking at human organ systems. This week we will begin by looking at cells.

Art - We will be looking at the element of line.

Health - We will begin our year by looking at anti-bullying.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Boelens

Math: We started the year trying to establish work habits and prior knowledge. The students have been busy completing work to remember mathematical operations and concepts. This week we will start with our more formal curriculum.

Gym: Our first unit will be soccer.

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

This grade level of science deals with four units for the year.

We will begin with "Water Systems" which falls under the Ontario strand Understanding Earth and Space Systems.

Last week we did a "What comes to mind when you hear the word "water"" brainstorming activity, a unit terminology [match the vocab with its definition] activity, and completed a worksheet that accompanied viewing Bill Nye's video on "Oceanography".

This week our topics will include: The Water Cycle, the States of Water, and Watersheds.

Please note that homework will be a part of this subject.

Science occurs as a double-block on Tuesdays and a single block on Wednesdays.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Welcome back to the grade 8 students and parents and a warm welcome to the grade 7 students and parents! We have had a great start to the year this week, and I am really excited to see and experience the year with this year's grade 7/8 class. We have had a good week learning routines, new expectations, refreshing knowledge of continuing expectations as well as reviewing a lot of information and starting our Health unit.

The following should represent the following week the best I'm able to each week. Sometimes changes will occur but I will keep those to a minimum. You will also receive an email from google classroom in about a week or so to invite you to receive a weekly email that gives an overview of the assignments that we are working on and those that are coming due. I try to use google classroom quite regularly to post assignments so that the students will have access to them both at school and at home regardless of if they have their binder home or not.

By now, you have all started signing agendas. This daily signing will continue until the student has graduated out of the signing process by continually completing assignments well and on time or coming with a reason why an assignment isn't complete and a solution for when they will complete the assignment.

You will also see a homework folder come home every Friday containing the marked work from the week. Please sign this work and send the folder back on Monday so we can fill the folder through the week again. This way you will be able to keep up to date on how your student is doing on different assignments and in different subjects.

I also send home scholastic flyers in grade 7/8. Please note that this flyer is just a snapshot of the books available and there are many more available on the scholastic.ca website. Our class code is RC177130. If you use this code when ordering online, you will help our class by giving us Bonus Dollars to put toward buying new books and materials through scholastic for our classroom. We have been able to add a few new books over the past years and it has been a blessing to have current books to read. The first flyer comes home today and I will send the order out on September 22.

Bible: Students are expected to lead the class in devotions once a term. They may choose to share their turn with a classmate in which case the understanding is that they will help that classmate with their turn later on. For this week:

Tuesday - Micah

Wednesday - Anna and Olivia

Thursday - Cohen and Jacob W.

We will also be starting our study of the Old Testament this week.

History: We will be studying Canadian history this year. We started with discussing why we study history and particularly Canadian history and working together talking about what we already know and what we would like to know about Canadian history.

Geography: There is not a geography unit yet as I tend to teach either a history or geography unit to allow for a more focused approach to each subject and unit.

Working with Words (W.W.W.): We will be starting our first W.W.W. unit this week. Students can expect a unit quiz this Friday and test next Friday.

Writing: We are going to be working on writing within our current health unit. We will be starting a unit on Plagiarism (what it is and how to avoid it) sometime in the next couple weeks as we finish up our health unit.

Guided Reading: We will start our year off with studying some short stories focused around the theme "Building Community". We will also be studying aspects of short stories throughout this unit.

Art: We worked on a group project focused around our theme of "The Beatitudes" in Matthew 5. Look for a picture of this assignment coming soon on the parent Facebook page. This assignment is due on Wednesday, September 13.

Music (Band): Students have received their instrument assignment for band last week. We will be starting on instruments this week. Band is on Monday and Thursday. Students are expected to bring their instruments to school on those days. They may bring them home between classes to practice. Please, if something happens or breaks on the instrument, do not try to repair it unless you have experience repairing instruments. Please bring it to the school and let me know what happened. I will either then fix it or send it to a professional to fix.

French: We worked through some review of ideas and words this past week to get our brains back into French mode. We also worked on a couple review sheets on the verbs avoir and etre. These sheets are due today (Monday, September 9). We will be starting our first unit on verbs and their usage this week.

Healthy Living: In Phys. Ed we have been enjoying some group games and will be starting soccer and cross country units this week. Phys. Ed is on Tuesday and Friday and students are expected to have their gym clothes, deodorant and appropriate footwear on those days. Please let me know (if you haven't already) if you have ordered gym shirts for your child(ren) but they haven't arrived yet.

Scent Sensitivity: I have a scent sensitivity (similar to an allergy) to many flowers and strong manufactured scents found in many body products. I am requesting that students use body products that are low scent or unscented. If you have any questions about what to use or not to use, please do not hesitate to reach out.

In **health**, we are tackling a unit on Digital Citizenship - what does that mean and how can we be good digital citizens. Also coming home today is an internet agreement that should be read over carefully with your child(ren) and signed by both you and them.

Please, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out either by phoning the school or by emailing me at j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca. I pray that we are able to have a good year together full of fun, adventure, learning, and being a community. Thank you for entrusting your children into my classroom again this year.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

We started the year trying to establish work habits and prior knowledge. The students have been busy completing work to remember mathematical operations and concepts. This week we will start with our more formal curriculum. Daily work will be completed in class and/or at home.