

November 20, 2023

We changed up our calendar this year. As it turned out, students have not had school on three of the last four Fridays. I want to assure you that those days were well spent by the teachers. The first Friday was the teacher's convention, and I have heard of many teachers who made connections to colleagues around the province, learning from others, and understanding different approaches to teaching. Some of those ideas have made it into our own classrooms.

The second Friday we spent connecting with parents. These connections helped us understand and appreciate how each child learns differently and what is working or not working for your child in our classrooms. We also appreciated the partnership we have with you. Some of those discussions have also impacted our daily work.

Last Friday, the teachers spent writing report cards. I know when I write them, I commit specific time to reflect on each student's talents and their challenges. It also allows me time to commit each one to God, thanking God for allowing them to be in our classes, and asking for discernment to teach them well. These report cards will come home next week Monday.

Now we are in for the long haul. Our next holiday will be Christmas. I am thankful that we could commit some time to ensure we are teaching to the best of our ability and meeting the needs of each student. Fulfilling our purpose to Educate children (well), nurture their faith in Christ (effectively), so they can interpret and impact God's world takes committed effort. I pray that these next five weeks will be filled with great teaching and learning as a result of those Fridays we committed to our profession.

## November Events

20- Fall Membership Meeting  
23- Calling All 3-Year Olds  
25- LCS Bazaar  
27- First Term Report Cards go home  
28- Volleyball Tournament  
30- Photo Retake and Group Class Photo Day



Nov 20  
Cassy V

Nov 22  
Charity H

Nov 24  
Ria M

Nov 27  
Caleb M

Nov 27  
Hailey G

## December Events

7- Grade 8 Day at Woodland  
21- Christmas Musical Performances at 1pm & 7pm  
22- Skating at Arena  
22- Last Day of School before Christmas Holidays



## Bazaar News:

**THIS Saturday November 25th 10am-2pm**



**Craft Items Needed:** The craft area of our bazaar is very popular as we try to offer a wide array of crafts. We are always looking for new ideas. Do you or someone you know enjoy sewing, knitting, making jewelry, painting, woodworking, etc., please consider making a donation. Feel free to contact Angie Koersen at 519-292-0878 or email [angie.koersen@gmail.com](mailto:angie.koersen@gmail.com)

**Toy Store Items Needed:** In the GAMES area at the Bazaar, children (and adults) collect coupons when they play the games. These coupons are then traded in for toys from the "Toy Store". The "Toy Store" needs new and used toy donations. Please remember that used toys **MUST BE CLEAN** and in **EXCELLENT** condition. Please contact Alana Greidanus if you have any questions at [ragreidanus@gmail.com](mailto:ragreidanus@gmail.com)

**Baking:** The baking section of the bazaar is looking for homemade baked goods to sell. If you are crafty in the kitchen then this is your place to donate! Donations of cookies, muffins, cupcakes, bread, canned goods and any other delicious treats you desire to create would be appreciated. Please have all baking to the school on Friday the 24th of November.

**Surprise Jars:** Fill a jar of your choice with fun items that a child would like to win. We would like one jar (more if you wish) donated per student so that we have lots for everyone. No need to spend a lot, just be creative and have fun. This has always been a big hit with the children who attend the bazaar, so thank you! Each jar will be \$5.

**\*We are in need of more volunteers/donations for this Saturday! Please sign up if you can!!\***

**Volunteer Sign Up:** <https://signup.com/go/rmqcjke> **Donation Sign Up:** <https://signup.com/go/XHxjwNY>

## Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

We are continuing in our Transportation theme this week and will be making hot air balloon pictures and beginning to work on watercolour boat painting.

This week in our **Handwriting Without Tears** workbook we will be colouring pictures and shapes with specific colours. Our mystery letter last week was letter Nn. We practiced the sound letter N makes and practiced finding upper and lowercase N. We will have a new mystery letter this week!

In **Bible**, this week we will read about Samuel, and David and Goliath.

In **math**, we will continue to learn about 2 dimensional shapes, particularly circles and triangles.

Tuesday is library day, please remember to send in last week's books so students can bring home their new choices.

Thursday we will have reading buddies. Thursday is also a team event. Students will join their teams in the gym to participate in the event.

JK Report cards: Term 1 report cards for most of the school go out on Monday. Due to the fact that JK is only two days a week, we are on a different report card schedule than the rest of the school. **JK will not be receiving report cards in November.** Our first report cards will go home at the end of January. Please let me know if you have any questions.

## Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we have a full week of school. Yay!! Oh, the things we can do!

This week we will focus on reviewing previously learned letter names and sounds.

We will be reading our first comprehension paragraph and blending and segmenting words. Pete the Cat went missing last week in his school shoes!! Yikes!!

We had to hunt around the whole school to find him! He was in our classroom

hanging out on our chart paper. Silly Pete the Cat! We made a class book about what we like to do in our school shoes. Each child will have an opportunity to bring it home and share it with their family. Please take a moment to have your child read it to you, or you can read it to them and then send it back the next day so the next student may have a turn to share it with their family. There is a comment page on the back. Please feel free to leave a comment if you choose too. Enjoy!

This week, we will be making a paper pizza after we read how Pete the Cat made his pizza and then on Thursday we will eat pizza for lunch. Please let me know asap how many slices of pizza your child will eat for lunch.

In **math**, we are exploring shapes. We have learned about circles and squares and now we will learn about rectangles and triangles. We continue to count to 30 and print numbers to 15. b

In **Bible**, we will learn more about Jacob who had to leave his home because Esau wanted to kill him for stealing the birthright. We will discover that even when we make mistakes God will never leave us or forsake.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we are focusing on uppercase letters that start in the middle such as S, A, I and T.

On Thursday before lunch, we will enjoy a "Mario" themed team event with our school teams.

Please send a coat with your child everyday. If the weather warms up, we can always take it off but if it remains cool, I don't have extras to hand out. Students are required to go outside for recess. Have a fantastic week!

## Grade 1 - Ms. Denhartog

**Bible:** Our Memory work is Colossians 3:12. Our colouring sheet was sent home with this verse on it for you to practice.

Memory work will be said to me on Dec. 1st.

**Math:** This week, we will continue our measurement unit, and we will be looking at doing some measuring with different objects. We will also look at comparing lengths.

**Language:** This week, we are continuing working with words with the vowels a, o and u and how they make a different sound when followed by ll. Therefore, our words will have all, oll or ull in them.

**Creation studies:** The Grade Ones did a wonderful job creating and presenting their Family Trees to the class. It was fun to look at how all our families have similarities and differences. We are hoping to finish up with this unit this week.

**Show and Tell Friday November 24: Blake, Delaney, Bryer, Seth, Isaac** \* This month's theme is either something special to you and your family or something that begins with the same letter as your first name. Have a terrific week!

# Announcements

## Upcoming Pizza Day

Wed. Nov 29th- Dominos Pizza

## Volleyball

### Girls Volleyball

Thank you Maria for offering to drive for the tournament! More details to come. Remember to get your pizza orders in.

Final 3 practices will be this wed- 4:15pm and Thurs. & Fri @ break. It is very important for team members to be at these last 3 practices.

### Boys Volleyball

Practice will be Tuesday after school until 4:30 pm and Thursday at lunch. A note will be sent home this week about the tournament. The tournament is on Tuesday November 28. Thanks to Mrs. Slotegraaf and Mrs. Meinen for volunteering to drive.

## Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

**Math** - Number sense: This week we focus on different ways of subtraction: with a number line, counting backwards and counting on.

**Phonics, spelling and reading:** this week we are looking at reading and spelling more words with open and closed syllables as well as reviewing words spelled with tch /ch /dge /j. Please see the homework practice sheet going home today to help the students practice these phonic skills. On Fridays Mrs. Kuipers will be assessing the two new phonics skills and heart words that they have learned and practiced in class and at home for that particular week.

**Creation studies** - Social science: We continue our unit on our local community and this week we focus on "Who leads my community?"

**Bible:** This week, we review the difference between the 4 Jewish groups we did last week. We also take a look at the geography of the Holy Land. The students will be writing a test on November 28th. Please see the sheet with a summary of their work for the test on Intertestamentary times in their envelope today.

I will assess their knowledge of our November Bible **memory verse** on Monday November 27th. It sounds like most of them know it already, but please remind your child to read and learn our November memory verse: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

**Library:** Tomorrow is our library day. Please remind students to return their books.

## Grade 2- Mrs. Kuipers

I am looking forward to a full week of school and a fun way to end the week by going to the Bazaar! I hope to see many of you there :)

**Science** - Movement

**Health** - We will be talking about Personal Safety and Injury prevention. This week we will focus on how to be safe at home.

**Computers** - We are going to attempt an introduction to coding this week. Wish us luck :)

**Math** - We have started a fun unit on sorting and graphing. Some at home activities to try:

-Sorting laundry with you - shirts/ pants/socks, your clothes/ my clothes, or even blacks/colours. Discuss how all items in a specific group are similar and how the groups differ.

-Sorting toys, books, and games: Ask your child to sort their items before cleaning them up. Discuss how things can be grouped together and how many groups are there.

## Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

I hope everyone had a lovely long weekend. I was busy reflecting on your children and celebrating Dannie's birthday. It was a good weekend.

**Bible:** We are finishing up our unit on creation. We will have a quiz at the end of this week.

**Math:** We are continuing our work on number sense. Quizzing your children by asking them to tell you which number is larger would be helpful. Asking which digit is in the hundreds, tens, and ones place would also be beneficial.

**Language:** Red group is working on long vowels made with the "bossy e". Green group is working on long and short e with irregular spelling. Blue group is working on the short o sound made in wa, al, and ough

**Creation Studies:** Our class is focusing on the indigenous people during the time of the early settlers.

Mrs. Claus

## Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

**Multiplication Movie Challenge** - We will be starting a new math unit and will be doing a Multiplication Movie Challenge where students will memorize multiplication tables to earn a ticket to a movie, popcorn, juice, and candy for the final day of school before Christmas break where we will watch "The Grinch" (Illumination, 2018 version). Please practice multiplication tables regularly with your child as we work throughout this unit. We will start with the 0,1,5,10 tables, then work our way up from 2-9, 11, and 12.

**I Know It** - "Basic Multiplication 1-10" - due FRIDAY. To get online to find the assignment, go to [iknowit.com](http://iknowit.com) and sign in as a student. The username is their first and last name (no spaces, no capitals) and the class code and password is `lcs12345`.

**Spelling Dictation** - Dictation will be NEXT FRIDAY. Students should know what team they are on. The teams are listed below and are also on [spellingcity.com/tdelleman](http://spellingcity.com/tdelleman) if students would like to practice their words online. Students will need to know all their spelling words, but only 10 are chosen for dictation.

**Spelling Lizards** - wait, read, need, beast, toast, wheel, sheep, leak, coast, trail, zoom, three, neat, moan, sheet, scoop, rail, cheek, pea, throat, loop, cream, sail, booth

**Spelling Rockets** - out, how, show, cloud, clown, growl, round, down, ground, brown, owl, found, shout, rough, frown, gown, mouth, plow, south, glow, town, count, through, crow

**Spelling Scooters** - benches, chairs, foxes, guesses, brushes, speeches, splashes, lunches, clothes, mixes, churches, crashes, books, peaches, classes, kisses, taxes, ditches, leashes, changes, branches, watches, places, ashes

**Memory Work** - due NEXT FRIDAY - Matthew 5:9,10 - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

## Grade 4/5/6 French -Madame Van Kampen:

Term 1 concluded last week and...I decided to defer the unit on Places & Spaces/Modes of Travel/the verb ALLER. Instead we returned our focus to greetings and leave takings/farewells, personal introductions, and reading through mini-dialogues -- practical applications of basic French -- to strengthen our confidence and oral reading & pronunciation skills.

## Grade 5/6- Mr. Boelens

**Math:** We never get as much accomplished as I plan. Monday we will catch up on some work. Friday the Grade 5 students will have a quiz on unit 2 – number sense. Friday the Grade 6s will have a test on unit 2 – number sense as they are finished their unit. Daily work is assigned.

**Gym:** Monday, we will play volleyball. Friday, we will likely go outside because the gyms will be busy with Bazaar set-up. Dress for the weather!

## Grade 5/6- Mrs. O'Boyle

**Bible** - We will begin a new unit on "Later Judean Ministry". Jesus' ministry can be divided in three main parts: 1) the events that occurred in and around Galilee 2) the events that took place in Judea and Perea, and 3) the events of the final week in Jerusalem. This unit works through the second part - Jesus' later Judean ministry. This unit uses parables throughout, since this was one of Jesus' favourite methods of teaching.

Our **memory work** is: "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.' Samuel 16:7" Due Nov. 21st. Our next memory work will be "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Luke 16:13" Due Nov. 30th.

**Language** - We will continue to look at adjectives. We will look at developing characters, setting and plots ideas in our written work. We will look at how description in text can help us comprehend the text better. We will be working on fluency with cloze partner reading this week, as well as, antiphonal reading. Our words of the week are: terminology, and digit.

**Spelling** - Watch for spelling lists coming home later this week in your child's agenda.

**Social Studies** - We will continue our unit - "Why is there French on my cereal box?"

**Science** - We will continue our unit - "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made".

**Art** - We will look at shape and form and will work on taking a 2-D image and making it 3-D.

**Health** - We will continue our Healthy Eating unit. We will be looking specifically at media influences.

**Cursive Snack** - Zachary will be next on Nov. 21st with letter Cc. Justin will be on for Dd on Nov. 28th.

**Book in the Box** - Please have your student bring their Book in the Box book to school tomorrow as I will be giving them class time to work on this.

### Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen:

This week we will begin our second science unit, Cells, from the strand *Understanding Life Systems*. Borrowing from the 2022 Ontario Science & Technology Curriculum document: " *Students will continue to develop their knowledge of organisms by focusing on the structure and function of cells in plants and animals.*" From the Christian perspective, there is order and purpose everywhere in God's good design and as we explore this science unit together, we can continue to witness how amazing his designs are.

### Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

Math: Grade 7s will be adding and subtracting fractions and then moving to work with decimals. They will complete a mid unit review on Wednesday. Grade 8s will be multiplying and dividing fractions. Their mid unit review will be Tuesday. Daily work continues to be assigned.

### Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Scholastic Orders (good Christmas gifts :) ) are due on November 30. There are a number of books online that are not listed in the catalogue so I encourage you to take a look online too if you are looking for specific books for your children. Class code is RC177130.

**Bible:** We are going to look at the Feast of Trumpets this week.

**Writing:** We are moving back to our unit on plagiarism and how to avoid it. We learned about proper and improper uses of AI in writing this past week. Ask your child(ren) about it, there are a lot of interesting developments in the field of writing.

**Guided Reading:** We will be working through at least chapters 2 and 3 this week, hopefully more as the journey actually begins.

**W.W.W.:** We have our quiz today, and the work for the week is due Friday. Also the sort test will be this Friday as well.

**History:** We learned a lot about the treaties this past week, it is hard to keep them straight and why they were put in place. Encourage your child(ren) to tell you about each one as that will help them keep them straight.

**Healthy Living:** We focused heavily on health for the first 2 months this year and will be using our health time as a period where we can focus on organization, interpersonal, and community minded skills.

**Music:** We continue to work towards our Christmas music goal. Encourage your child(ren) to practice 10 min. a day when possible. A reminder that band is on Monday and Thursday. Clarinets and Percussion will have sectionals this week. I will be in contact with them about when exactly those will happen. We are also working together as a class to learn the lyrics and actions for the musical. That will be our focus for memory work for this month and December. All students are expected to learn the songs, regardless of their role in the musical.

**French:** We are continuing to learn about hockey through readings and answering questions. We will be moving on to some more writing and details about the NHL this week.

**Art:** We will be finishing our mannequin projects this week. They are due next week Wednesday, November 29.