

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

My reflections this week are a smorgasbord of things. Here you go.

1. **A great start:** The long awaited, discussed, and planned first days of school are behind us. We are thankful for a great week. What a gift to be back in school with staff and students to learn alongside one another.
2. **Thank You:** Thank you to all the parents who are pre-screening their children's health daily. There are always a lot of questions about the little cough and the slightly runny nose. This weekend the public health office sent me a new screening tool for parents. It clearly lays out that you are looking beyond the normal struggles with colds and other health issues you are aware of with your children and looking more for unexplained, abnormal health that should raise your concern. This tool is included in your mailing and I hope it is helpful.
3. **Communication:** Cell phones enable quick and direct communication and many of you are connecting directly with your child's teacher. However, for transportation specifically, please contact the school office so the administration can inform the bus drivers and we can ensure that everyone is aware of the plans for your child(ren). Classroom teachers are not expected, nor encouraged, to check their phones for information during the school day.
4. **Theme:** Our theme this year is a combination of two lines: "Who is my Neighbour?" and "Learning to love like Jesus". It is specifically based on the Good Samaritan story but also other examples in the Bible where we are taught who our neighbour is and then how to go about caring for and loving them. In a culture of individualism, we hope to instill a sense of community and selflessness in our students. More to follow next week.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Allergy Aware: LCS is committed to be a safe place for all people by raising our allergy awareness. Remember that all foods should be nut free. If you are using alternatives such as WOWBUTTER, please use the stickers so we are aware that the foods are acceptable. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Weekly Messenger: If you would like to receive the Weekly Messenger by email only, please contact Jessica Playford at the office (office@listowelchristianschool.ca).

From the Library - Welcome back students and families. It is great to finally be back in our school building. The library is also planning to reopen starting **Sept 29**. More details to follow but expect your child to have library a different day of the week and they will only go once every two weeks to help us meet the COVID protocols. If you have received an email regarding a book still out from last year, please send it back as soon as possible so we can close out 2019/20. We look forward to seeing the students soon.

Student Forms: Please return the Student Profile form, the Parent Daily Screening Protocol form, Digital Media Release form, and the Volunteer Opportunities form to the office as soon as possible. Just a reminder to read through and sign the **back** of the Student Profile form.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
September	October
28 – Return Student Profile Form, Digital Media Release form and Volunteer Opportunities form	12 – Thanksgiving Day – No school 26 – LCS information Evening 7-9 pm 29/30 – Edvance Convention – No school

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Reid Haanstra – Sept 18 Carina Allin – Sept 18



School Theme – "Who is My Neighbour, ... Learning to Love Like Jesus!"

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We have all had our first day of school! I hope that all the students had a great first day, I know I enjoyed getting to know each of them a little bit more.

This Tuesday we will all be at school together as a class.

In our first week we learned about what we use letters and numbers for, and about how God created the dark and the light.

This week we will talk more about letters, specifically the letters in our names.

In **math**, we will practice sorting things that are the same and seeing which things are different.

In **Health**, we will learn about how God created us each unique and we will look at our fingerprints.

In **Bible**, we will learn about how God created the sky and the sea and the plants. Our first memory verse is Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". We will practice this in class each day.

September calendars have gone home in backpacks. I will send a calendar each month and they have the memory verse and our focus letters, numbers, colours and shapes on them. They also include a few of the things we will be doing in that month.

Thank you to those who sent extra clothes, we did use some on Tuesday! If you haven't sent any yet or some came home on Tuesday, please do send them in as soon as possible.

In the kid mail envelopes, you will find a subscription form from Chirp magazine. If you fill it out, even if you check the no box, and return it to school I can send it in for some free stickers and a gift for the classroom!

I am looking forward to a great week with all the students!

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

We had a great first week at school! We are getting to know each other by name, exploring the classroom play areas and learning about how unique God has made us.

We reviewed letters A and B, and this week we will look at letters C, D, E and F. We are learning some rhymes and will be learning how to "read" a book by "reading" the pictures.

In **math**, we are working on printing numbers to five and counting objects to 5 or as high as we can. We are also sorting by colour and determining which group has more and which group has less.

In **Bible**, we are talking about how it is the true word from God and discovering the creation story. Our memory verse is Genesis 1:1, which we will learn as a whole class. For our **theme** this week we will discover who is in our family, what our favourite animal is and how our handprints are our own designed by God.

I am very grateful for being in the class with the students again. Thank you for sharing them with me. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca or call the school at 519-291-3086. I am at the school from 7:30am till 4:00pm, every day except Wednesdays. Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

Grade 1 had a great start to the school year! We had a wonderful time connecting and remembering we are children of God, reviewing beginning word sounds, numbers, greater and less than numbers, and introducing this year's theme question "Who is my Neighbour? Learning to Love Like Jesus".

We focused on Sight Words: the, of, and, a, to, in, is, you, that, it.

This week we are focusing on the following Sight Words: he, was, for, on, are, as, with, his, they, I, that, of.

We are also exploring the difference between questions and comments, what the Bible is, and rhyming.

Grade 1 – Mrs. ten Brink

Creation Studies - Today I am sending home a footprint. We started with writing our names and at the top it asks for you to talk about what their name means and why you chose it for them. Fill out on the footprint and return them to school by Thursday. We will be cutting them out and displaying them.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

1. What an exciting week! It's been wonderful getting to know each other and establishing classroom routines. We enjoyed exploring the learning materials in our classroom. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all your children. I trust that God will equip us to do our best learning together this year.
2. Thank you for sending in all the school supplies your child will need in Grade Two. We are well equipped for learning!
3. Your child will be taking home completed work in his/her Ziplock bag each Friday. Please return this bag to school on Monday for refilling the following Friday.
4. In **Bible** this week we will begin to learn James 1:19: "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." We are reviewing at school, but at home practice may be needed. We will have an oral assessment on Wednesday, September 23. Our Bible lessons will look at the Christian life through the book of James.
5. Our **math** classes will review counting and number sense.
6. During our **language arts** times, we will be working on routines and expectations for reading with ourselves and building our stamina. As we begin Reader's Workshop Mrs. Dykstra will choose Good Fit books at each child's level. Students are eager to read! In **writing**, we are launching our Writer's Workshop and working with journal prompts. We will review beginning consonant sounds in phonics lessons.
7. We will begin **spelling lessons** this week. There is no test this week as we will focus on beginning consonant sound.
8. In **Science**, we begin our study of Matter and Energy in a unit called God Speaks Through Solids, Liquids, and Gases. Pray that as a class we will come to know our Creator better as we discover more about these three elements.
9. Please do check our Grade Two Seesaw account for regular photos and other updates. I will also be posting to Seesaw the reading strategies and phonics sound boards we use in class to support the reading your child does at home.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Claus

We made it through the first week and it was awesome!! We have a great group of 16 students.

This week we are starting **Bible** class. Heads up for Memory Work coming up!

We began **math** last week. We are finding patterns on a hundreds chart.

In **language** we have been practicing Reading to Self. We will also start Word Work.

We are looking forward to another fabulous week.

Grade 4– Mrs. Delleman

Welcome to our second week of school! I hope the students had a good first week back! Below are some things that will be happening each week, including this week:

Memory Work - Memory work is due on FRIDAYS. This week's memory work is Matthew 22:37-38: "Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.'" Next week we will look at verse 39.

Spelling - Dictation also occurs on FRIDAYS. This week is Unit 1. Here are the words:

apple, stick, plants, sent, had, rich, else, hid, dress, miss, autumn, then, mass, bath

You can also find them by going on spellingcity.com and searching for "Mrs. Delleman" to find our lists for the whole year!

Cursive - Each week we will work on cursive in class on Fridays. If students don't finish during that time, they take it home for homework and it needs to be returned on WEDNESDAYS. This past week we did letters a and d (lowercase only on the bottom two lines of page 4 and 12). Students who were not done need to bring in their cursive homework back by Wednesday.

Important Websites: Here is a list of several websites we will be using throughout the year, and each one is available for use at home as well.

- Tumblebooks (kpl.org/databases/T - click on the link on the page)

- Epic (getepic.com - log in using class code: vke8835)

- Vooks (vooks.com - log in with my email (t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca) and password: lcs12345)

- Typing (typing.com - log in with username (first four letters of first and last name) and password: lcs12345)

- Spelling City (spellingcity.com - search for Mrs. Delleman under teachers)

If you have any questions about how to log onto each website, please let me know and I will send a set of instructions.

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Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

The Grade 5-6 class is off to a good start in its new location in the small gym. While this requires some adjustments for all involved it has gone well and the class is enjoying its spacious surroundings.

Here is a list of current work that students will have occasional homework for:

In **Bible** we are working on an introductory unit on the covenants God made in the Old Testament. Memory work on Thursday is Genesis 3:15. We hope to complete this short unit at the end of the week with review and evaluation next week.

Math has started with a patterning unit. Most students will have daily homework in math, but do not spend more than 30 minutes on math, unless you missed class time.

Our first **social studies** unit is “From Far and Wide”, a unit on Canada and its wealth of resources. We will have a province and capital quiz on Tuesday, provincial flag quiz on Wednesday.

Spelling lesson 1 assignment to be completed by Tuesday, spelling test on Friday.

Writing assignment 1 is due on Wednesday, it is on our Google classroom page.

PE is on Monday and Wednesday, please have PE clothes (shorts and T-shirt) at school for these days.

In **literature** we have started our first novel, From Anna.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French - Welcome back! I'm excited to be teaching French to Grade 5/6 again this year. We will be working through a lot of review for grade 6 and new material for grade 5 over the coming weeks.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Welcome back! I'm very excited to be back in the classroom and teaching in person! It has been a great start so far, the students are working hard and working well together in the class.

A couple things, I do have a scent sensitivity that can impact my ability to breath. I ask that students do not wear strongly scented items including deodorant and hand sanitizer. While it is important to still wear deodorant, there are more mild ones available. If you would like more details, please feel free to send me an email.

Also, scholastic has moved largely online. The flyer coming home either today or next week will likely be the last paper copy sent home with your students. If you are interested and would like to help gain points for our class so I can continue to build our classroom library, when you place an order online, put our class code in the coupon field when you are checking out and the rewards will make it back to our class. **Our class code is RC177130.**

As I have already said, I'm very excited to be back and I'm looking forward to seeing what the students can accomplish this term. If you have any questions or would like clarification on anything, please do not hesitate to call the school or email me.

Bible - We are beginning our study of the New Testament. Our memory work is Luke 10:25-37, the parable of the Good Samaritan. Students may say the whole thing at one time (due September 18), or they may split up the memory work into two chunks, the first due September 18, the second part due October 2.

Geography - We are starting our study with a look at maps and proper mapping skills. Maps of Canada are due on Thursday, September 17. World maps are due Monday, September 21 and there will also be a short quiz on the world map on Monday, September 21.

French - We are going to be doing a lot of review work over the next couple weeks before we start into our first unit.

Guided Reading - We have started a mini-unit on Theme. Students are working on comics expressing a specific theme.

Writing - We are working on a project looking at if our summer were a movie. Students have completed the outline of their movie and will be working on the reviews of the movie this week. Reviews due on Friday, September 18.

Art - We will be finishing our movie poster for our movie (from Writing) this week.

Working With Words - Before we begin into our general study of words and their origins, students are working at understanding analogies and how to figure out which kind of analogy it is based on the words that are being compared to each other. This is important as the weekly work contains a section on analogies through the rest of the year.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We started with some “preseason” worksheets just to get us working, remembering, and setting good habits. Those booklets of work were due today. This week we will begin our textbook work. The unit homework was handed out and daily assignments will follow from that list.

Gym: This week we will be some fitness testing. Hopefully as we go through the year, we will see our fitness levels increase.

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