

Weekly Messenger

October 26, 2020

Principal's Corner

Typically, this is the week of the Ontario (and a few schools beyond the boundary) Teachers Convention. We would commute to Redeemer University College, listen to keynote speakers, participate in workshops, browse professional books and displays, and interact with friends, colleagues and teachers who teach our grade or subject level. I enjoyed the devotions and singing together. It is always an inspiring and encouraging conference.

This Thursday our staff will be participating in the conference virtually. We will listen to the same speakers and be encouraged and inspired by them, but we will miss the detail of the workshops and the connections of colleagues. We will be at LCS together and we will make connections, share inspiration, and encourage each other within our own staff.

Thursday's conference theme is "Open Doors" and we will be challenged in "How can we pursue the call to love our neighbour with local action and global awareness without feeling overwhelmed? What doors can the school open with students to encourage courageous encounters with and for the world?". This is very fitting considering our theme to love our neighbours.

On Friday, all our staff will receive their First Aid training. The first part was completed online and Friday we will have the hands-on part at school. This training will prepare us to deal with potential health emergencies in our school.

We pray that Thursday and Friday will be great days of learning for the staff. We also pray that you will enjoy spending time with your children on those days.

October Events

29/30 - Edvance Convention
(no school)

Birthday Corner



Oct 26
Mrs. Vogel

November Events

20 - PA Day (no school)
23 - Fall Membership Meeting
30 - First Term Report Cards
go home

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We have a very short week this week! We only have school on Tuesday as Thursday and Friday are the teacher convention days. We will complete our fall theme with a fun fall story and a fall tree painting activity using q-tips. We discovered last week that red and yellow apples tie as the JK class favourite apple. Ask your child which was their favourite! Our focus letter for this week is Dd. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for Dd. We will continue to look closer at the beginning letters of our names and the sounds that these letters make.

In **math**, we will be counting up to 10 and counting down from 5.

In **Bible**, we will read about Jacob's dream and learn about Joseph's special coat.

Tuesday is our **library** day. Please remember to send in any library books so students can choose a new book to take home for two weeks.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week is a super short week for SK. On Monday, we will focus on the letter Zz, we will rhyme words from the "it" family and will be introduced to the sight word "I".

In **gym**, we will work on our balancing skills and play some tag.

In **math**, we will continue to measure each other with paper pumpkins.

In **Bible**, we will learn about God's call to Abraham to move to a new land. We will focus on what it means to trust in God.

On Tuesday, we will review how to build letters B, D, E, F, M, N, P, R, and T. We will play a sight word game and rhyme with the ending "it". We will learn why the squirrels are so busy at this time of year and will complete an art project about Grey Squirrel.

In **math**, we will learn to sequence straws from tallest to shortest and shortest to tallest.

Please head to the Scholastic website if you are interested in ordering books for your family.

On **Thursday November 5th**, I will be completing the Search and Teach testing for students who are 5 and older. A supply teacher will be covering me that day. Please read the letter I sent home in your envelopes. Have a fantastic week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boeckestyn

Just like that, it's Monday again and the weekend is just around the corner. Remember, there is no school for students on Thursday and Friday.

This week we are focusing on the following:

Sight Words: just, blue, red, from, good, any, about, around, want, don't, how. These sight words are tricky and since it is a short week, it would be great if you could practice them at home as well.

Memory Verse: Since it is only a 3 day week, we will continue to solidify Psalm 136:1-3 in our memories. "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of Gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of Lords. His love endures forever."

Bible: We are finishing our Abraham unit by learning about Isaac's birth and Ishmael's response. Then, we begin our Isaac and Jacob unit.

Language: In addition to learning sight words, we continue to identify and practice word family words. This week our "Houses" are practicing "-ap, and -ag" words. Depending on a mini-assessment on Monday our "Skyscrapers" are probably moving on to digraph blends, for example, c + h = "ch" sound. Your child will know which group they are in. We are also finishing our *Thank You* cards as a practice for expressing gratitude through writing.

Math: continuing to explore place value, (ones, tens, and even some hundreds), telling time, and the basics of money. Last week students really enjoyed playing the Dolphin Shark Place Value game. I sent you the link on Seesaw and have added it to the "Grade 1 Resources for Parents" google document.

Grade 1 - Ms. ten Brink

Creation Studies- Today we are finishing up with the map of our school street. We took a walk and looked for what should be a part of our map. Our next unit will have us look at maps again but looking at our address.

School News

From the Library

It is Week 1!

Monday - Gr. 7/8

Wednesday - Gr. 4

Friday - Gr. 2

Student Leadership

What fun we had on Friday with Wacky Mask day!!! LCS is creative! Thank you to all our families for your generous donations for the food bank. We collected over 1100 lbs of food. Thank you for helping us show love to our neighbours.

Food Drive Results

1st -Brazil, 261.4 lbs

2nd -Finland, 206.35 lbs

3rd -Costa Rica, 182.1 lbs

4th -Mexico, 164.6 lbs

5th -USA, 158.8 lbs

6th -China, 138 lbs

TOTAL = 1,110.4 lbs

Wacky Masks

1st -China

2nd -Brazil & Costa Rica

3rd -Finland

4th -USA

5th -Mexico



Mrs. DB and some students from Grade 1 participating in Wacky Mask Day!

School Theme:
"Who is My Neighbour?
Learning to Love Like
Jesus."

More school news on the next page...

Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

Bible: We are nearing the end of our Old Testament review with student-created dramas based on familiar stories from 1 & 2 Kings. Our new **memory words** are Psalm 119:105 (note this version, please) “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Our gestures help us learn quickly! Oral memory test on Wednesday November 11.

Math: Review of number words, simple word problems, along with basic facts practice through games.

Reading Workshop reading habit this week: scoop up words in phrases. After more practice of number words to twenty this week, there will be a retest of those spelling words next Monday (Nov 2). We will learn to play Wordo with our sight and number spelling words we have learned thus far in Grade 2.

In **Writer’s Workshop**, we are launching our How-to writing unit! It is packed with hilarious mentor texts, shared writing to inspire each other and interactive activities to build excitement for writing individual procedural pieces in the coming weeks.

Grammar: capitalization practice is our focus this week.

Word work: *sh* blend activities through word sort, songs and decodable books.

Creation Studies: Mapping practice continues with “looking down” activities, astronaut eye view and various mapping activities.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

We have a short week ahead of us this week. Thursday and Friday the teachers will be participating in our annual convention online together here at the school. On Friday we will be getting together for more professional development. All that being said, we will try our best to pack in some good learning and assessment!

Bible- we have started our new unit on the tabernacle.

Math- we are finishing up our unit and will be having a test next week Friday.

Science- Green duotangs were sent home on Friday to study for our upcoming test on Wednesday. We did a practice test on Friday which is included. This is a good study tool.

Spelling- Test is on Wednesday; pitch, drink, swim, life, while, I, my, light, buy, eye, which, find, why, kind, try

Grade 4 - Mrs. Delleman

Library - Library is on WEDNESDAY. Please have students return their books to school. Students will have the opportunity to pick new books for the nice long weekend coming up!

Scholastic - Ordering of books is available entirely online at scholastic.ca/clubshop. Please note the class code is RC155098. If you want free shipping to home, for orders over \$35, the code is PBJNP.

Cursive - Last week we did letters j and p. Pages 26 and 40 are due on WEDNESDAY.

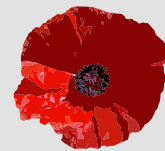
Memory Work - NO Memory Work this week.

Spelling - NO Dictation this week, but we will be working on a review week.

I Know It - No assignment for this week, but feel free to explore other topics on the website!

Remembrance Day

Since we are unable to participate in Remembrance Day services at the cenotaph this year, as staff, we decided to paint a poppy on a rock. These rocks will then be placed at the cenotaph or around the school as a way of paying respect to those who have fought for the freedom of our country. Please bring a rock to school by Monday November 2nd, so that all the rocks can get painted and be ready for November 11th. All students will be participating in this event.



Croquette Orders

Listowel Christian School, in collaboration with Oranje Grove, is pleased to begin the Croquette Order Fundraiser! Order forms, in KidMail Envelopes, are due back to LCS office by November 6th. For more information or order forms, please contact Martine Rastorfer.

LCS Cookbook

Order your 2nd Edition LCS Cookbook! Over 350 recipes and filled with student artwork! Order forms are in the KidMail envelopes and are due back on October 30th.

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Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

In **Bible**, we are completing our unit on the book of Daniel. Review Monday and Tuesday, test on Wednesday.

In **math**, we are working on a unit entitled "Whole Numbers". The times tables are coming along very well for most. This week we will spend time on division, especially long division.

Our first **social studies** unit is "From Far and Wide", a unit on Canada and its wealth of resources. We are working on a unit review and looking to complete the unit with a test on Tuesday.

Spelling lesson 7 assignment to be completed by Wednesday and we will have our unit 7 spelling test on Wednesday.

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

In **literature**, we have completed reading our first novel, From Anna. This week we will complete a review and get started on our final task. Our Final Task is due on Monday, November 2. We will have a test next week

In **writing**, students are working on their autobiography.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French - We continue to work on our play this year called "L'arbre Ungali".

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Thank you all for the kind wishes, card and gift for my birthday today. I feel very blessed to be part of this class and this school community.

Bible - We are looking into Paul's Missionary journeys of the course of this week.

Geography - Unit Test Wednesday, October 28. Students will have received a paper review (also on google classroom) as well as a link to participate in the jeopardy review game posted on google classroom.

French - We are continuing our unit "C'est moi".

Guided Reading - First section of questions due Monday, November 2.

Writing - We are continuing to work with writing with interest and our own voice.

Working with Words - No working with words this week.

Art - Grid art due October 28.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Grade 7 rate worksheet is due Tuesday. The unit review will be due next week in preparation for the test. Grade 8, daily lessons and homework will be assigned as we finish our unit two lessons. The unit review will be due next week in preparation for the test.

Gym: In our gym class this week, we are working on dodgeball strategies – team and individual!

Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

Science: The big review is due next week , we will have time to work on it in class on Wednesday. We will have a unit test on Thursday, November 5