

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

September 22 has come and gone. We are now into the Fall season. The change in the weather is noticeable, we are sure to wear another layer of clothing, sometimes boots replace shoes, and I am even beginning to wear a tuque. The trees are changing colour. Thanksgiving must be next weekend! Maybe, especially this year, we should remember to give God thanks. I realize that not all of us can be thankful for the same things because we live different lives and God has placed us in different situations. Personally, I am thankful for many things,

- For my immediate and extended family. Although we don't see each other as much now as we did before, we still love, talk, and support one another. I am thankful for how God made each of them unique.
- For my work. Every day I get to come to work and be with staff and students. Every day I have the opportunity to share my faith with them. Every day I get recess!
- For my faith community. Even though our church communities are not together in the same building, we are together in Christ. I am thankful for the freedom to worship. I am also thankful for our supportive Christian community within LCS. I know that we are praying for one another, caring for each other, and interceding with Christ on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- For my daily needs. Every day I have what I need. In fact, I usually also have what I want. God has blessed me with so much and challenges me to share with others.
- For God's grace every day. I am aware of my sin, but I also celebrate my forgiveness.

I am sure my list could go on and it will for me personally. However, I want to encourage each of you to list your thanksgiving in a time when it is easy to neglect and forget. May God's faithfulness and our thankfulness overpower the world's turmoil.

SCHOOL NEWS

FundScrip: Just a reminder that our October FundScrip orders are due Monday, October 5th at MIDNIGHT. Delivery is set for Friday, October 9th to LCS Office. Not a FundScrip supporter yet?!?! Please don't hesitate to contact Janel Hiemstra at giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com.

Toonie for Terry: Thank you to everyone who brought money to support the Terry Fox Foundation in their efforts to research and find a cure for cancer. We can do our small part and were able to send the foundation \$275. Thank you for caring for your neighbours!

Employment: We are accepting applications for an intermediate (Grade 7-8) teaching position beginning this December to cover a maternity leave. If you are interested, please send your resume to Ed Boelens at principal@listowelchristianschool.ca

Creative Casuals: Order your LCS swag @ www.creativecasuals.com! Under Custom Clothing Programs, click on either Listowel Christian School Basics or Listowel Christian School Parents and Staff.

Login for Basics: Username- lcs Password- Basics

Login for Parents/Staff: Username- lcs2 Password- teachers

This portal is open from October 5th to the 23rd. Get your orders in soon to ensure you get your items before Christmas! We can't wait to see you representing our school proudly!

From the Library: It is Week 2! Week 2 - Monday - Gr. 5/6, Wednesday - Gr. 3, Friday - Gr. 1



BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Oct 8- Jacob Weber Oct 9- Cole Weber / Natalie Koersen
Oct 10- Coleman Grady Oct 11- Jacob Smith



U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

October	November
12 – Thanksgiving Day – No school	20 – PA Day – No school
26 – LCS information Evening 7-9 pm	23 – Fall Membership Meeting
29/30 – Edvance Convention – No school	30 – First Term Report Cards go home

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We are looking at all things fall this month! This week we will be painting with corn and sprouting decorative corn.

October calendars were sent home on Thursday.

We will begin looking at individual letters this week with the letter A. We will learn the sound letter A makes using the Jolly Phonics song for A. We will also meet Mat Man this week!

In **math**, we will continue sorting and showing our results using hands on items and pictures. Our focus colour this month is orange, our shape is the rectangle, and our number is 2.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the fall into sin and about the ark animals. Our new memory verse is "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go" Genesis 28:15a.

In **Health**, we will look at four feelings: happy, angry, afraid, and sad and how we can tell when people are having those feelings.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Thank you to Mr. Burgsma and Mrs. Bosman for coming with us on our Fall Walk. We found lots of treasures that the class has been exploring with magnifying glasses.

This week we will focus on the letters *O, P, Q, R* by building them with our Handwriting Without Tears lines and curves as well as learning letter sounds. We will continue to rhyme words together. Every day we are participating in listening activities that include following directions. Our new sight word is "a". Keep reading the pre decodable readers and sight word readers with your child as much as you are able throughout the week.

In **math**, we will be printing numbers 1, 2 and 3 all week. Practice at home if you are able. You always start to print letters and numbers above the line and work your way down. We will also be practicing the concept of the same through a game called "Match It".

In **Bible**, we will learn how sin crept into the world and the consequences of sin on the world. Our memory verse is Genesis 8:22- "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." We will recite it together in class!

This week we will focus on the theme of Thanksgiving and pumpkins! By Friday, ask your child how a pumpkin can remind us about Jesus.

If you are looking for some new books for your family, head to scholastic.ca and order from the digi-flyers. Our class code is RC208157. You can also leave an order online and I can order it and receive it at school. Every book purchased, earns rewards for our classroom to order new books or materials.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! I thank God for you and your willingness to share your child with me every day! Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

Hello Grade 1 Families! This week, we are working on the following...

Language: "i" word families (-ig, -in, -it, -ip), Reading Strategies

Sight Words of the week: *have, go, we, am, then, little, down, do, can, could, when*

Math: temperature, teen numbers, addition with a number line, addition using ten frames, introducing the concept of place value (ones, and tens)

Bible: Noah and the flood, The Tower of Babel

Memory Verse: Mark 12:30 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. Remember, Monday is a holiday. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at j.boekestyn@listowelchristianschool.ca

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

Grade 1 – Ms. ten Brink

Creation Studies-We are continuing our mapping unit, discussing who is our neighbour and the parts of a map this week.

French - I have enjoyed the enthusiasm and excitement in grade 1 as we are learning so many new words and are being introduced to our play.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

We all enjoyed our bucket party on Friday! It is wonderful to see this group of kind children work as a team, learning to love like Jesus.

Bible: Psalm 105:1 & 2 memory words oral assessment this Wednesday (Oct. 7). Last week we learned that God gave us the 39 books of the Old Testament as one way we can know Him better. We continue to see His ever-steady faithfulness through Old Testament review.

Math: Even/odd, doubles, along with doubles plus 1 and 2, and hundred chart activities.

Language: We will begin a unit entitled Readers Build Good Habits (check Seesaw for summaries). Guided reading groups (aka book clubs) start this week! Writing lessons for a few weeks Catch a Small Moment: Writing Small Moment Stories with Independence.

Spelling words for Friday, October 9: *small, land, can, call, and, all, his, hand, an, is*

Sight words (bonus spelling words): *made, why, call, pull, fast*

Science - We are nearing the end of our Matter unit. We continue to marvel at the solids, liquids and gases that God has made. Concepts this week: buoyancy, water in three states, safety of substances.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Claus

This week we will be starting our MAP testing. For our new parents this is a standardized test that students take in the areas of math, reading, and language. We take this test each term to track progress, find areas for improvement, and celebrate success. Our class did it last year, but we have decided to take this test starting in Grade 3 this year. Students do not need to study for these tests as we just want to see where they are at.

In **Bible**, we are focusing on the laws God gave his people. The 10 Commandments memory work is due on Friday. I sent an email last week containing the 10 Commandments as we have practiced them in class.

In **math**, we had 2 pop quizzes last week and the results will be coming home today.

In **science**, we are continuing our study of trees. We will be looking closer at leaves and photosynthesis.

For **spelling**, I have decided that we will use 2 weeks to study and work with our words for better success. For this reason, our spelling test will be based on our phonics themes. I will explain in an email what I mean by this.

The spelling words due next week are:

next, left, help, please, believe, many, very, been, seen, she, between, three, easy, sea, leave

Grade 4– Mrs. Delleman

Bible - We have finished our unit on the kings in the divided kingdom. Our quiz is on WEDNESDAY. I will be sending Smartboard notes and students will bring their duotangs home to study on Tuesday night. They will need to know 5 main kings and what they did - Jeroboam, Rehoboam, Abijah, Asa and Ahab. Our final review page in their duotangs is what they should study, along with last week's memory work (1 Kings 17:3a).

Creation Studies - We have finished our first unit on Habitats and Communities. Our quiz is on THURSDAY. I will be sending Smartboard notes and students will bring their duotangs home to study on Wednesday night. Students will need to know about the different types of animals (scavenger, decomposers, herbivore, omnivore, carnivore), parts of the food chain (producer, consumer), photosynthesis, endangered animals, and about the difference between ecosystems, habitats and communities. There is a unit review in their duotangs that they can use to help them study.

Memory Work - NO memory work this week - Students will need to remember last week's memory work (1 Kings 17:3a) for their Bible quiz on Wednesday.

Spelling - Unit 4 Dictation on FRIDAY - *tea, cars, need, ocean, whale, net, clear, watch, deep, feel, hear, chest, sea, free - long E sounds (ea, ee)*

Math (I KNOW IT) - Rounding Assignment due FRIDAY - Starting this week, students will have an IKNOWIT assignment to complete online, due on FRIDAYS. Go to iknowit.com and have students log in (their username

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is the first four letters of their first name, and the first four letters of their last name, no spaces or capitals - the class code AND password is lcs12345). Students will then see the assignments that they need to complete. This week their assignment is on rounding. Students answer questions and their results get sent to me. Students were shown how to log on and complete assignments in class and are encouraged to complete their assignments each week to help solidify math concepts. Each assignment will be posted on Monday mornings so students can work on it throughout the week and complete it by Friday. Students also have the option of working on any IKNOWIT activities they want, in addition to their assignments to help improve math skills.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

In **Bible**, we hope to complete unit, "The Last Days of Judah", review and test next week. Memory work this week Friday is Psalm 81: 13-14

In **math**, we have started a new unit entitled "Whole Numbers". We will do lots of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing in the next while. Students need to review their times tables 1-12.

Our first **social studies** unit is "From Far and Wide", a unit on Canada and its wealth of resources. This week will focus on Manufacturing and service industries, and on ghost towns.

Spelling lesson 4 assignment to be completed by Wednesday, unit 4 spelling test on Friday.

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

In **literature**, we will continue our first novel From Anna. This week we will complete chapters 12-16.

This week we hope to complete our fall **MAP testing**. I am planning to have our language test on Tuesday morning.

This week is **library** week for our class. Our time is Monday morning.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French – We are finishing up our review. All review packages should be completed and handed in by Friday, October 9.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Bible - Memory Work - the Seven last words of Jesus due Friday, October 16.

We are finishing up our Unit on the beginning of the New Testament and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Unit test on Friday, October 9.

Geography - We are continuing to look at the sustainability of the population growth in different areas and the environmental factors that contribute to where people do or do not settle.

French - Final review packet was handed out last week and is due by the end of this week (Friday, October 9)

Guided Reading - We are reading through and discussing/exploring a few short stories.

Writing - We have started a journal and talking about writing about self and using detail to create interest.

Art - Names of Jesus art due Wednesday, October 14.

Working With Words - Unit 2 this week, work due and test on Friday, October 9.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Monday we will take the Math portion of the MAP test. Tuesday will be the Unit 1 Math test. The end of unit from the textbook and the end of unit worksheet are both due on Tuesday. Our next unit is on Ratios.

Gym: This week we continue our focus on soccer skills.