

# Weekly Messenger

November 16, 2020

## Principal's Corner

This week Friday, our teachers will be focused on writing report cards. This takes time to reflect on each child, collect all their assessments, and present a clear picture of your child's participation and progress in learning. We hope you find them helpful to celebrate their progress, make adjustments where required, and prepare for their second term of learning. Following the report cards, we will host parent-teacher conferences. Again, due to indoor gathering restrictions and the growing concerns of increased restrictions, we will be hosting our parent teacher conferences through Zoom and/or through telephone conversations. Even though the forum for these conferences changes, we cherish this time of connection, brainstorming, and teamwork on how to serve our students/your children. We believe we can still accomplish our goals even though it is a medium neither of us prefer.

Like every year, we will set a schedule for teachers to meet with you during the allotted time. Working through the technology may create increased time for transitions between conferences as teachers adjust to moving people in and out of Zoom or phone calls.

To help us create a workable schedule, we ask you to please:

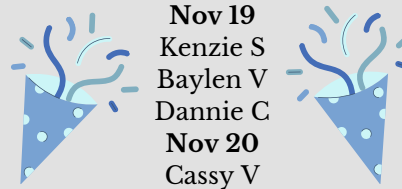
- Inform your child's teacher if there is a time you prefer. Possibilities could be Thursday afternoon, Thursday evening or Friday morning. Since we are spreading out the conference times, we will require more families to have their conferences on Friday.
- Inform your child's teacher if you prefer to use Zoom or have a telephone call.

**We will establish the schedule this Thursday afternoon so please respond to your teacher before then.** We will provide you a schedule that will come home through email on Monday November 23rd.

## November Events

- 19 - Grade 6-7 Fundraising orders are due
- 20 - PA Day (no school)
- 28 - LCS Photo Scavenger Hunt
- 30 - First Term Report Cards go home

## Birthday Corner



**Nov 19**

Kenzie S  
Baylen V  
Dannie C

**Nov 20**

Cassy V

## December Events

- 3 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 4 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school)
- 7 - Membership Meeting
- 8 - Grade 6-7 Fundraising Deliveries
- 18 - Last Day of school before Christmas Holidays

## From the Classrooms

### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We are continuing our transportation theme in JK. This week we are making hot air balloon pictures and will look at what things sink and what things float.

Our **focus letter** is Gg and we will learn the Jolly Phonics song for G. In our workbooks this week we will work on some colouring pages using the colours red, green, yellow and purple.

In **math**, we will be exploring 2D shapes and counting sides and corners of different shapes.

In **Bible**, we will continue our unit on Moses and the Israelites and learn about the Promised Land and about a woman named Hannah.

No Library this week.

**Team Event/Spirit Day:** This month the JK students will be assigned a team for the Spirit Day which will be to dress in the colours of the team country. Stay tuned for details about this activity and to which team the JK students are assigned.

### Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

LIBRARY BOOKS DUE TODAY! New library books need to be returned by Friday November 27th, 2020.

This week our focus letter is Aa. We will continue to sort syllables, rhyme words, blend together letter sounds and count the number of words per sentence. Our new sight word is "it". Please take time to read "I Play" at home and review some of the other pre decodable readers.

In **math**, we will continue to print numbers to 10, count to 20 and learn the names of the shape as we notice the number of points and sides.

In **Bible**, we will hear what Jacob's Dream meant when he ran away from a very angry Esau.

This week we will read Pete the Cat and His Rockin' School Shoes. November Scholastic orders are available at [scholastic.ca](http://scholastic.ca) and our class code is RC208157.

Our next team event and Spirit Day will happen Friday November 27th, 2020. More details in the Weekly Messenger! Have a great week!

### Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boeckestyn

**Sight Words:** ran, let, help, make, going, sleep, brown, yellow, five, six, walk

**Reading:** We are trying to read books independently now! Students know to practice their reading strategies when reading gets tricky. Each week students are given at least 3 books to practice reading. These books will not be going home. The books they take home are Library books. They may not be their appropriate reading level but are chosen based on interest. I encourage you to read with your child daily. Speaking of which, we do not visit the Library on Friday due to the PA Day. We will go on Monday, November 23rd instead.

**Writing:** In correlation with our Bible lessons, we are going to work on writing our opinions and pieces of encouragement.

**Language:** The word families we are practicing this week are -ip, -ig, -ill. We continue to acknowledge lists v.s. full sentences. We practice Uppercase letters at the beginning of sentences with punctuation marks at the end (period, question mark, or exclamation mark).

**Memory Verse:** Hebrews 13:16 "And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

**Bible:** This week we are turning to the Bible, particularly Proverbs, for guidance on friendship and how we can be a good friend. We are also beginning our study on Joseph (Genesis 37-46)

**Math:** We continue to explore addition, place value, and all the different ways to represent numbers (words, tallies, fingers, objects, drawings, number line, base 10 blocks, a ten frame, dice dots, etc). We will begin to use our organization skills for Data Management and Probability, as well as 2D and 3D Geometry.

### Grade 1 – Ms. ten Brink

**Creation Studies-** After spending a few days outside last week learning about the function of structures, we are taking some of our learning inside this week. We will focus on the shapes that we see and start to learn about strong shapes for building.

## School News

### From the Library

It is Week 2!

Monday - Gr. 5/6

Wednesday - Gr. 3



### Photo Scavenger Hunt

The Photo Scavenger Hunt is coming up on November 28th, from 10am to 2pm. There is a limit to how many people we can have participating. If you want to sign up check out the invite on Facebook or contact Michelle Burgsma (call/text 519-572-4082 or email [mrburgsmafarm@gmail.com](mailto:mrburgsmafarm@gmail.com).) It's going to be a very fun event! You won't want to miss it!

### Fall Membership Meeting

For several years our financials have undergone a more thorough audit process which takes more time. This year is no different so as a result, we have decided to postpone our Fall Membership Meeting until Monday December 7th. It will be a virtual meeting once again. You should receive your membership materials on Monday November 23. Any questions can be forwarded to Andrea Bootsma by Monday November 30 and we will try to address them in the membership meeting video.

More school news on the next page...



### Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

It was a week of remembering and it was good to pause and thank God for those who have gone before for our freedom. We had a classroom assembly, watching a prerecorded assembly from Laurentian Hills Christian School in Kitchener, complete with Oh Canada, the Last Post and moment of silence. We will work on activities from Veteran Affairs Canada this week as I did not order them in time and they have just arrived. I believe it will be a good wrap-up to our learnings on peace, freedom and remembrance. We also took some time to remember Georgia, a beloved classmate who passed away too soon.

**Bible:** This month our memory words are from Malachi 3:1, to be tested Wednesday, December 2 (version will be posted on Seesaw). Last week we learned that Jewish children had to memorize the entire Torah (first five books of the Old Testament). Students were impressed! While we don't expect that these days, we did talk about ways to hold God's word in our mind and hearts. This week we focus on Greek and Roman rule, noticing how God used these people groups to advance his plan for Jesus' coming.

**Math:** We continue to practice patterning. The problem solving component is proving tricky; we are growing our mindset from "I can't do it" to "I can't do it yet" and we will persist this week along with games to practice facts to 20.

**Language:** We will review our reading habits that we have learned throughout Reader's Workshop thus far. Based on recent reading assessments (so exciting to see their love for books), book clubs have adjusted and clubs begin to meet again. In **Writing Workshop**, students are working on rough drafts of how-to writing. They seem eager to write, write, write! Most students should produce a good copy by the end of this week; because this is taking a bit longer than expected, the assessment of these pieces will be reflected on the term two report card. **Spelling:** As it is report card season, I will administer a second Primary Spelling Inventory this week. Thus, spelling words will last us for two weeks this cycle. Words to be tested **Friday, November 27:** be, see, got, she, sheep, shop, queen, green, bee, been. **Sight words:** sing, both, your (bonus spelling words). **Word Work:** O vowel sounds and the noisy twins "ee". We work in our differentiated groups as we discuss, practice and sort words.

**Creation Studies:** Our full service town, Grade Two Friends and Farms, is taking shape. Location: the music room! We will set up and then play in small groups in our town this week and next. Students may bring in 1-3 small toy vehicles, small toy people and small farm machinery toys to add to their real life play. I will provide some items such as a school bus, a train and more, pausing to sanitize communal items between rotations.

### Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

We have a short week this week. On Friday I will be spending the day looking more closely at how each student has progressed since September. And each one has! This is a great time to celebrate the accomplishments they have made.

In **Bible**, we are starting a new unit. It is called Forty Years in the Wilderness.

In **math**, we are continuing with patterns in numbers. We will have a short quiz on Wednesday.

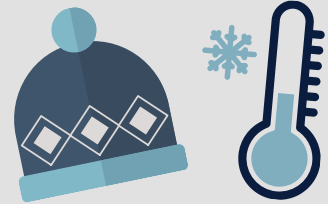
In **language**, I will be doing reading assessments all week. Students will also receive their new spelling lists for next week's test: under, such, much, young, touch, use, your, you, unit, cute, few, new, fuel, human, music.

### **Student Leadership**

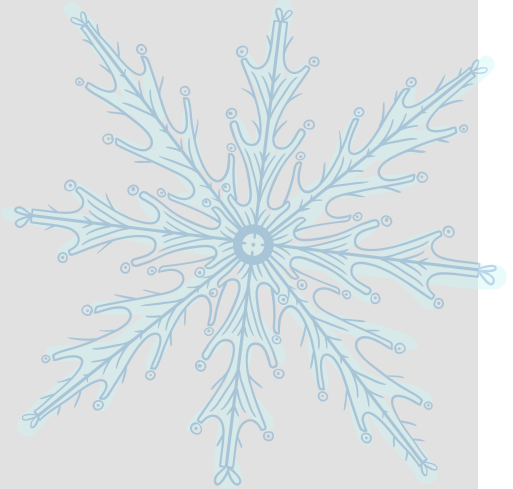
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### **Reminder**

The weather is getting colder and colder! Please make sure your kids are bringing coats, hats, and mitts to school!




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




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#### Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

**Cursive** - Last week we did letters h and k. Pages 20 and 28 are due on WEDNESDAY.

**Spelling** - Unit 9 Dictation NEXT Friday - Since it is a shorter week, we will take 2 weeks for Unit 9 - art, master, smart, sisters, bar, finger, bark, paper, part, barrel, sand, says, matter, because - ARRRRR sounds (ar)

**Memory Work** - NO memory work this week. We will be having a Bible quiz on THURSDAY and previous memory work will be on the quiz. Students need to know 1 Kings 19:11a-12 and 2 Kings 2:11 in preparation for their quiz.

**Bible** - We have finished our unit on Elijah and King Ahab, and will be having a quiz on THURSDAY. Duotangs and Smartboard notes will be sent home Wednesday night. Memory work from the last two weeks will be on the quiz (1 Kings 19:11a-12 and 2 Kings 2:11).

**Math (I KNOW IT)** - Multiplication Facts Assignment due FRIDAY (even though we are not at school on Friday) - Go to [iknowit.com](http://iknowit.com) and have students log in (their username 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 assignment that they need to complete. This week their assignment is on basic multiplication facts. If you would like a video on this topic sent to you to support students in their assignment, please let me know!

**Scholastic** - Ordering of books is available entirely online at [scholastic.ca/clubshop](http://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. \*There are also Christmas catalogues going home on Monday.\*

#### Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

In **Bible**, our new unit is "Judah's Return", focusing on the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

In **math**, we are working to complete our geometry unit. Review and test next week.

In **science**, we will continue our biodiversity unit. Students have been placed in groups for their unit task. This week's focus is naming organisms, trees, and fungi.

**Spelling** lesson 9 assignment to be completed by Wednesday and we will have our unit 8 spelling test on Thursday.

In **literature**, we will continue with our next novel, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." This week will include chapters 4 and 5.

#### Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

**French** - The class is doing quite well with their play and learning the words, meanings and pronunciations. Keep up the good work.

#### Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Our class has decided that they would like to put into action our school theme this year of knowing who our neighbour is and how we can put that knowledge into action. For our school community they have been helping our janitor around the school grounds clearing the yard of garbage as well as the doorways of the leaf pile up that occurs almost daily at this point. For the broader community we participated with the school in the rock painting and distributing for Remembrance Day. For our wider world neighbourhood community, they have decided they would like to partner with World Renew and their winter gift program. To that end, all students that are able and willing are requested to bring a minimum of \$2 to class so we can combine it all together to purchase either an animal (or two) or a program to help those in less fortunate situations.

**Bible** - We are continuing to look at the progression of the Christian church throughout the New Testament.

**History** - We are studying Ancient Rome, its beginnings, and how the Ancient Romans set up their cities.

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

**Guided Reading** - We are going to be starting a project based on information found in the book Refugee, this week.

**Writing** - We have started a mini-unit on sentence building. We will continue with that for a couple weeks.

**Working with Words** - No WWW this week.

#### Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

**Math:** We are working our way through the fraction's unit. Mid Unit reviews were due today. Daily homework is assigned.

**Gym:** This week we will start our volleyball unit. Please ensure that all students have their gym clothes at school on gym days (Tuesday and Thursday).

#### Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

**Science:** Our new unit is a physics unit on structures. We are building stable, wind-resistant structures to be tested on Wednesday.