

November 23, 2020

Principal's Corner

Learning happens most effectively when the learning engages more senses. If we simply use textbooks, we use sight. If we have discussions, we use hearing. If we combine the two – a reading with a discussion, the opportunity to learn increases. If we add a third, such as touch or smell, the ability to understand a concept increases dramatically.

If you are on Facebook you would have recently seen classes involved in learning using a variety of senses. The Kindergarten students build trains throughout the classroom - students communicating (talking and hearing) and touching as they design and implement their ideas.

There is no better way to determine if an idea works than to try it out and see for yourself. The Grade 2 class is building their little towns – understanding maps, directions, and town structures using hands on models. Again, the concept of turning left, turning right, the town Post Office, the farm, and other landmarks become more real and better understood when talked about (talking and listening), seen, and touched. The Grade 1 class is building structures – a hands on activity to experiment with ideas they heard in class. The Grade 7-8 class was also building structures to test their ideas of strength and the power of wind velocity. The Grade 7-8 class created models of Roman villages to solidify ideas they discussed in class. How better to understand the importance of water supply to a village than to physically trace the water's path into your model village.

While we experiment with teaching and learning, it is fun to observe students engaged with multiple senses. As I wander through classrooms and listen to students discuss (debate and sometimes argue) their ideas, test them, draw conclusions, and ultimately determine what is best, I see good learning practices.

Never a dull moment – always some fun activities. We enjoy in-person schooling!

November Events

27 - Amazing Race Team Event
and Spirit Day
28 - LCS Photo Scavenger Hunt
30 - First Term Report Cards
go home

Birthday Corner

Nov 23	Nov 24
Brooke T	Ria M
Nov 25	Nov 28
Harrison S	Emma S
Nov 29	
Caleb M	

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

This week we will continue to look at transportation by learning about vehicles that move in the water. We will use watercolour paint to create a boat picture.

Our **focus letter** this week is Hh and we will learn the Jolly Phonics song for H. In our workbooks we will complete some colouring pages using the colours orange/blue, pink/brown, grey/black, and all colours.

In **math**, we will continue to work with two dimensional shapes using objects from the classroom to build squares and triangles.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Samuel and David and Goliath. In Health we will talk more about feelings and how we might feel in different situations.

Tuesday is Library day! Please return books if you haven't already done so.

Thursday November 26 the JK's will participate in the team event and also by dressing up in the colours of their team's flag. Here are the students' teams: USA - Carina, Amy MEXICO - Alex, Jesse COSTA RICA - Joshua, Jordyn BRAZIL - Octavia, Kyle FINLAND - Eli, Haven CHINA - Liam, Scottlyn, Ronella. It should be a fun day!

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will review letters S, M and P. Please bring in a show and tell item that begins with one of these letters for Monday. All students are encouraged to participate. We will be working with short words and long words, the number of letters per word, sorting by the number of syllables and begin to learn some colour words. Our new sight word this week is "and". We will refer to it as our connecting word.

In **math**, we will be using shapes to make a shape monster, playing shape bingo and printing numbers to 10.

In **Bible**, we wrap up our unit on Jacob and begin our Christmas unit with Zechariah's surprise visit.

We are having great fun with Pete the Cat and his crazy ways. This week we will learn about seeing things in a new way.

LIBRARY BOOKS due Friday November 27th, 2020. New books will come home on Monday November 30th, 2020

TEAM EVENT AND SPIRIT DAY will happen on Friday November 27th, 2020. The team event is an Amazing Race! Spirit day is dressed in your country's flag colours or wear a customary costume.

USA-red, white and blue: Emma, Colton, Zion

MEXICO- red, green and white: Noah, Genevieve, Colin

COSTA RICA- red, blue white: Marcus, Skylar, Cody

BRAZIL- green, blue and yellow : Derek and Drew

FINLAND- blue and white: Monique, Robert, Nixon

CHINA:-red and yellow: Harrison, Henry, Adriana

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

Writing report cards this past week allowed me to gather qualitative and quantitative assessments and observations. It was so valuable for me to reflect on your student's progress. I look forward to discussing this with you during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The schedule will be going out later this week. Please let me know whether you prefer to meet over Zoom or the Phone.

This week, we are focusing on the following:

*****Spelling Words**:*** net, pet, ten, pen, leg, beg. This is our first week doing spelling words. We will have a spelling test on Friday.

Students are expected to WRITE these words. If they really struggle to write, they can say the spelling out loud to me at a different time. Please practice at home to increase our student's chances of learning how to spell.

Sight Words: two, or, before, eat, again, play, who, been, may, stop, off

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

Bible: This week we are continuing to learn about Joseph's story (Genesis 37 - 43).

Math: We continue to explore 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- This week our building studies are taking us to look at the tools we use to design and build. Students will also get a chance to see what shapes and structures are strong in buildings.

School News

From the Library

It is Week 1!

Monday - Gr. 7/8

Wednesday - Gr. 4

Friday - Gr. 2

FundScrip Orders

It's Christmas time!! Don't forget to purchase your FundScrip gift cards to support our Tuition Reduction Incentive. It's the gift that keeps on giving! December FundScrip Orders are due Monday, November 30th at MIDNIGHT. Delivery is set for Friday, December 4th to the LCS Office.

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 mrburgsmafarms@gmail.com.) It's going to be a very fun event! You won't want to miss it!

Fall Membership Meeting

Our Fall Membership Meeting will be held on Monday December 7th. It will be a virtual meeting once again. You should receive your membership materials this week. 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

Report cards gave the opportunity to celebrate the good growth each God-gifted student has achieved this term. When you receive it in a week, I pray that the constructive feedback I provide will be seen as a window into knowing your child and believing in their abilities. Don't forget to check out the Spirit Day information - Friday is the big day!

Bible: This month our memory words are from Malachi 3:1, to be tested Wednesday, December 2 (version on Seesaw). We will create dramas this week on the four Jewish groups found in the intertestamental period.

Math: A short assessment on patterning problem solving to begin our week; then, we are off to a new unit on non-standard measurement.

Language: We launch a new unit in Reader's Workshop: Word Detectives! Our first mission from the Super Secret Detective Agency is to notice a problem and stop to solve it. In **Writing Workshop**, we learned about taking our illustrations from good to WOW by having characters move and talk. Students are finishing up a good copy of their how-to piece and adding some amazing illustrations to enhance their writing.

Spelling: 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: I vowel sounds and the "ai" and "ay" vowel teams.

Creation Studies: In conjunction with our town play, I will check in with students on their understanding of the terms and concepts we have learned thus far. We will shift our focus to responsibilities in community, at school, and in our homes.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

What a great weekend! Revisiting work done by the kids and reflecting on each of them was a blessing.

We are continuing our unit on Forty Years in the Desert in **Bible**. In **math**, we are looking at attributes in patterns.

The students have a **spelling** test on Friday: under, such, much, young, touch, use, your, you, unit, cute, few, new, fuel, human, music

Term 2 here we go!!

Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

Library - This week is library! Students need to bring in their books for WEDNESDAY.

Spelling - Unit 9 Dictation Friday - 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 are working on a Health unit during our Bible times this week.

Creation Studies - We have finished our unit on Canada. Students will have a quiz on WEDNESDAY. They will take home their duotangs to study and Smartboard notes will be sent home.

Math (I KNOW IT) - Basic Division Assignment due FRIDAY. 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. Please note the class code is RC155098. If you want free shipping to home, for orders over \$35, the code is PBJNP.



Student Leadership


On Friday, November 27th we will be having our November Team Event and Spirit Day! Come dressed in your country's colours or traditional clothing from your country to show your spirit! On this day we will also be participating in a socially distanced AMAZING RACE!




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

Contact Us!

Listowel Christian School
305 Binning St. W
Listowel, ON
N4W 1G4
519-291-3086
office@listowelchristianschool.ca
www.listowelchristianschool.ca

 @listowelchristianschool

 @listowelchristianschool

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

In **Bible**, our new unit is "Judah's Return", focusing on the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. **Memory Work** is Jeremiah 30 : 18-20, 22.

In **math**, we are working to complete our geometry unit. Review today, practice test on Tuesday and test on Thursday .

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 10 assignment to be completed by Wednesday and we will have our unit 9 spelling test on Friday.

In **literature**, we will continue with our novel, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." This week will include chapters 6,7, and 8.

Grade 6: Thank you students and parents for your fundraising efforts. We appreciate your attention to detail in the order forms and your orders will be ready for pick up on December 8. We will provide details around pick up arrangement when the date gets closer.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French - Students will receive their assigned part for the play at the end of this week. They are excitedly looking forward to this.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Thank you to all the students who brought in money for World Renew. We are now going to be looking through the booklet this week to decide what it is we would like to purchase. Look for our choices in next week's Messenger!

Bible - Test on Unit 2 on Friday, November 27. Cloud of Witnesses assignment due on Monday.

History - The students did a great job recreating their own Roman Village! Pictures of their creations can be seen on the school Facebook page. We will be looking at the daily life of the Romans over the next week.

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

Guided Reading - A brief aside into literary terms and then section 5 this week.

Writing - We are working through a mini grammar unit.

Working With Words - Unit 6 work due and test on Friday, November 28.

Art - We have begun work on stained glass windows this past week and will continue them this week. They are due Wednesday, December 2.

Grade 7: Thank you students and parents for your fundraising efforts. We appreciate your attention to detail in the order forms and your orders will be ready for pick up on December 8. We will provide details around pick up arrangement when the date gets closer.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Fractions worksheet for Grade 8 is due Tuesday, for Grade 7 it is due Thursday. End of unit review for Grade 8 is due Thursday, for Grade 7 it is due Friday. The unit test will be next week Monday.

Gym: This week we continue with our volleyball unit.

Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

Science: Our new unit is a physics unit on structures. Assignment due on Thursday, Chapter 4 quiz on Thursday.