

November 30, 2020

Principal's Corner

Today you have the opportunity to receive your child's report card. As you can imagine, these can be anxious times. Students wonder how teachers view their progress, what marks will they get, or what will he/she say about me. How will my parents interpret the report? Will they be pleased? Parents wonder how their child is doing. Are they keeping up? Are they fitting in? Are they behaving? Do they have friends? Will they graduate? How does this report card direct their future? Big questions.

As you open your envelope and read the reports, remember that these reports represent a time in your child's life. They are young, they are growing, they are finding their gifts, and they are developing into what God wants them to be. Every child is different. Expect and celebrate that your children will have different report cards because they are created uniquely. Expect and celebrate that your child's report card will be different than their friend's or relative's because they are uniquely created.

I hope that you will spend some individual time with your child and review the whole report. What can you celebrate? What is going well and how does that reflect how God has created them? What areas show opportunities for more focus and growth? Are there changes that could be set in place to support your child's growth? How can you use this report card to set some goals and/or direction for term 2?

We hope these report cards are encouragement. A growth mindset says, "we haven't arrived yet" and we hope these reports give the same message. Like signposts on a journey, they may encourage you, but they also may redirect you. Your child is on a journey, they aren't there yet, but maybe these reports will give direction.

Enjoy them.

November Events

30 - First Term Report Cards go home

Birthday Corner

December 1 Daniel V
December 3 Logan S

December 6
Megan V
Charis 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

As we greet December this week JK will be focusing on Christmas! We will be making some Angel themed art this week and will begin to learn and sing Away in a Manger. On Thursday we will do an experiment using candy canes.

Our **focus letter** this week is Ii, and we will learn the Jolly Phonics song for Ii. In our workbooks we will practice tracing and counting lines and learn how to print uppercase L.

In **math**, we will begin a new unit on patterns. We will look around us for patterns and learn about different kinds of patterns. Our new focus number is 4, our colour is green and our shape is the triangle.

In **Bible**, we will read more about David and his songs and Psalms. Our new **memory verse** is Luke 2:11 "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord".

Library: We did not have the opportunity to choose new books last week. We will have the chance again next week.

Envelopes: I am sending quite a bit of work home in student envelopes this week. This is work I would have shown you during parent teacher interviews in the class. I hope you enjoy their creations and first journals!

Interviews: I am looking forward to connecting with each of you during our Zoom/phone interviews Thursday and Friday.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on letter Hh and Tt. We will sort by number of syllables, rhyme words and continue to look at the different parts of a sentence. Our new sight word is "can". We will all create an "I can sentence" as a way of working towards a goal that each student would like to strengthen.

Please read with your child 10 mins a day. It doesn't matter if they read to you or you read to them. It is such a great way to connect with your child and exposes them to a variety of vocabulary.

In **math**, we are printing numbers to 10 and learning counting strategies so that we count each item we need to. These strategies include moving the object being counted to putting a dot on it when you are counting a group of objects on paper.

In **Bible**, we started our Christmas learning about the surprise of the birth of John the Baptist to Zachariah and Elizabeth. This week we will continue with Mary and Joseph's surprise visitor and news. Our **memory work** is Isaiah 9:6 and we are working on our virtual portion of our Christmas performance.

In **health**, we are learning the difference between asking for help and tattling. A hard lesson for this age. The students are being encouraged to solve problems by thinking about the 2 ways I offer to help them deal with things such as name calling, butting in line, someone taking a toy from you, etc.

Library books go home on Monday and need to be returned by Friday Dec. 11th, 2020.

Parent/teacher conferences by Zoom will be on Thursday at your scheduled time. If you prefer to have a phone call, let me know. I am flexible. A link will be sent to you on Wednesday.

NO SCHOOL Friday.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

This week is a short one because Friday is a PA Day. Please have your students practice their spelling words and sight words at home. We will assess spelling words on Thursday. I look forward to speaking with you this Thursday or Friday.

Spelling Words: bat, fan, sad, lap, rag, flag, pat, van, wag, leg

Sight Words: never, seven, eight, cold, today, fly, myself, round, tell, much, keep

Memory Verse: Philippians 2:4, "Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too."

Bible: We are finishing up our unit on Joseph before we explore Prayers of Petition, Prayers of Praise, Psalm of Supplication and Bible readings of the Christmas story.

Math: This week, we are continuing data management, 2D and 3D shapes.

Grade 1 – Ms. ten Brink

Creation Studies- Last week we looked at strong shapes and did an experiment to test out their strength in holding up a load. This week we will continue to look at strong shapes and solids, using them in our building.

The Three Little Bears will be a part of our study and we will be using what we know to build things that can hold up to Goldilocks.

School News

From the Library

It is Week 2!

Monday - Gr. 5/6

Wednesday - Gr. 3

Friday - Gr. 1

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 TONIGHT, (November 30th) at midnight.

Fall Membership Meeting

Fall Membership Meeting: We trust you have all received your membership meeting materials and had time to read through them. Any questions can be forwarded to Andrea Bootsma by Monday November 30 and we will try to address them in the membership meeting video. Look for the Fall membership meeting video to come out on Monday December 7.

Selfie Scavenger Hunt

Thanks to all who came out to enjoy some exercise and good fun at the Selfie Scavenger Hunt on Saturday. We have some winners to announce:

First 3 teams to get all 3 selfies:

Hibbs/Dowling clan, The Teachers (Ed, Tanya, Janel H and Liz) and the den Dekkers
Fastest 3 teams: Siebrings (Gerry and the boys), Kelly and Marcel Koersen and the Burgsmas
3 Funniest Selfies: Lauren Koersen and Melinda B and the girls, The den Dekkers and the Schinkels

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

Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

I'm looking forward to meeting with parents this week at conferences. I will be hosting a Zoom room for all conference conversations. My Zoom room meeting ID is 614 181 4490 and the passcode: 3UCx9U. Prior to your conference, please write down your questions and ensure that your device, including audio and video will work on Zoom. Please sign in to the meeting a few minutes early. You will be placed in the "waiting room". Please use your proper name when signing in; this will ensure that I recognize your name and let you into the conference from the "waiting room". Thanks for your flexibility as we use this different format for conferences. I'm happy to call you on the phone should technical issues arise.

Bible: Malachi 3:1 will be tested orally on Wed, Dec. 2. Our Seek and Find Advent devotions as well as our Christmas assembly project are the focus for December.

Math: Non-standard measurement activities, as well as facts practice games.

Language: Our word detectives are on the case! Our second mission from the Super Secret Detective Agency is to look CLOSELY to get clues. **Writing Workshop:** we are writing cards to our neighbours near the school and making cards for VON. **Spelling:** We are moving our spelling test to next Friday due to the short week and our Christmas assembly project. Words to be tested Friday, December 11th: no, go, going, most, kind, find, gave, so, do, doing.

Sight words: buy, sit, those, wash (bonus spelling words). For Term Two, bonus words will be counted only if the regular list words are all correct. I'm certain many students will rise to the challenge!

Word Work: Long and short "o" vowel sounds, -ind family, and -ing endings (with no change to the base word).

Creation Studies: Are you interested in being interviewed about your job? Answers may be video-taped or typed and emailed. Please let me know if you are interested. Thank you to those who have participated already. We will complete our mapping unit this week with a true/false assessment. Then we will begin a Global Community study by looking at Christmas around the world, finding ways to pray for different countries.

Christmas "production" - scene photographs for our piece of the school's virtual assembly will be taken this WEDNESDAY. Please have your child dress in black or all one colour (no logos on shirts would help us) Thank you!

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

This week we have another short week with parent teacher interviews happening on Thursday after school and Friday morning. I am looking forward to meeting with each of you. I will be sending out a zoom meeting invitation to each of you. Please take note of your specific time as the meeting invitation may indicate be a large chunk of time to include all of my parents in that section.

In **math**, we are continuing our study of patterns with numbers.

In **language**, we have a new unit for spelling. The test will be next week. The words are: save, give, have, live, move, above, alive, alike, to, two, too, know, do, blew, blue

In **Bible**, we are finishing up our unit on Forty Years in the Wilderness. Expect a test next week.

In **creation studies**, we are continuing our study of pioneers. The students are really enjoying this unit!

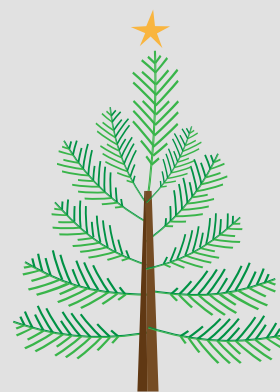
Library is on Wednesday!

Parent- Teacher Conferences

This Thursday evening we begin our parent-teacher conferences. These will be happening over Zoom or the phone. Please look at the schedule for your time slot. Reminder there is NO SCHOOL on Friday!

Goodbye Mrs. Vogel

Thank you Mrs. Vogel for all your hard work! We are going to miss you. Blessings to you and your family as you welcome your new little one soon!



Online Christmas Advent

Each class has been working hard on an Advent creation. These creations (videos, pictures, etc.) will be added to an online Advent Calendar for you and your family to enjoy. The calendar link will be sent out in the middle of December and it will lead up to Christmas day!

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Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

Cursive - Letters b and f are due on WEDNESDAY (pages 6 and 16).

Spelling - Unit 10 Dictation NEXT Friday - dream, rest, please, friend, they, sleeping, chief, creek, piece, meet, believe, teach, yard, leave - Long E (ee, ea)

Math - We have finished our unit on multiplication and division and will be reviewing all week for our quiz on THURSDAY. Students need to know basic multiplication and division facts, how to multiply with zeros and 2-digit by 1-digit, and how to divide (counting, draw/divide, short division). Students will take home their duotangs and I will send Smartboard notes home on Wednesday.

Math (I KNOW IT) - Mixed Multiplication and 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!

Memory Work - NO memory work this week. We are working on a Health unit during our Bible times again this week.

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.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

In **Bible**, we will complete our unit "Judah's Return". Review tomorrow and Wednesday with our test on Thursday.

In **math**, we are completing our geometry unit by building bridges. Bridge testing will be done tomorrow, followed with a new unit on decimals.

In **science**, we will continue our biodiversity unit with a quick look at plants.

Spelling lesson 11 assignment to be completed by Wednesday and we will have our unit 11 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 9 and 10.

In **health**, we will continue with learning about fitness testing.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French - Thank you all for a great year to this point. I have enjoyed working with the grade 5/6 class and, for the most part, their enthusiasm for learning another language. I pray the year continues well and I'm happy to know the class is in good hands moving forward after this week. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year a little early from Madame Vogel :). We are going to be continuing to work on our plays this week and students can start to memorize the first scene in which their character speaks.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

I wanted to thank all of you for making the year up to this point a very energetic and enjoyable year. I've really enjoyed teaching the 7/8 class this year and their enthusiasm for learning and for the crazy ideas I have thrown at them throughout the first term. I'm sad to be leaving the class at the end of this week but am looking forward to the arrival of our baby sometime in the next month or so. I pray that the students have a smooth transition to Ms. Van Kampen and that the rest of their year is as successful as the first term has been. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year a little early from me to you. I look forward to watching and hearing what the class is up to as they continue through the year. God bless, Mrs. Vogel.

Also, Grade 7/8 raised a significant amount of money for World Renew, blowing me away with their energy and effort to help those less fortunate than themselves. I enjoyed the conversation they had trying to decide what it was they were wanting to send to communities that need it. In the end they decided on a water filter, chicken incubator, tools for farming (jab planter, loop hoe, and green manure), handwashing station, nutrition kit for children (soybeans, vitamins, medicine), and 2 chickens.

This week we will be trying to finish off a number of different projects and activities.

History - Ancient Roman Life brochure due Tuesday, December 1.

Bible - Cloud of Witnesses posters due Wednesday, December 2. Tests will be handed back by the end of this week.

Guided Reading - We are finishing looking at information articles and how to glean information from them. We will also be reading the 6th section of the book this week.

Art - We are finishing our stained glass window art this week as well as our Christmas ornaments. Stained Glass windows due on Thursday, December 3.

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

W.W.W. - No work this week due to Friday being parent-teacher interviews.

Writing - This week we are going to be taking a closer look at capitals and when to use them.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Our fractions unit test is today. Students should be bringing their work home soon for you to review and sign. Our next unit is Geometry and we should be able to finish before Christmas break.

Gym: This week we will do our second round of fitness. Tuesday will be the Beep test and Thursday will be the fitness circuit.

Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

Science: Our new unit is a physics unit on structures. We are building beams and designing an experiment to test them.