

God's pattern of the days of creation always stick with me. His reflective practice to notice that each day was good, that what he accomplished was in line with his design and his plan was progressing toward his goal. Daily he noticed that it was good, and finally it was very good.

Last week we returned to in-person learning and we filled our classrooms with students excited to be at school. When I walked down the hallways, I noticed the noise in the classrooms - good noise, the noise of learning and interactions. I noticed students were smiling and teachers were happy. Students had stories to tell and they finally had a new audience. I notice the playground was busy with students swinging, going down slides, and playing grounders. They were running on snow hills, making snow angels, and playing Red Butt (don't ask about that game). I noticed that we spent time reinforcing important routines that we may have forgotten over the remote learning session. More importantly, I noticed that it all felt relatively normal. It was good.

It took a day or two for us to figure it all out again. We finally got the bells on the right schedule and we had to remember when our recess times and yard duties were. We adjusted to a new bus line up routine to avoid walking through the deep snow in the school yard. But we got back into a routine and it was good.

What a gift each child and staff member is to our school. Besides the energy required to keep up with a school filled with energetic children, at the end of every day I could reflect back on how I enjoyed the day and say, "It was good". On Friday afternoon, I was able to say, "It was very good". And then I rested!

February Events

15 - Family Day (no school)
23 - 100s Day

Birthday Corner

February 16
Mrs. Baarda

February 21
Dax V
Timothy K

March Events

6 - LCS Information morning
9 am - 12 noon
12 - PA Day
26-29 - Online Spring Auction

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week our **focus letter** is **Rr**. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter R and practice the sound that it makes.

In our **workbooks** we will learn about Magic C and how the letter c helps us to make other letters. We will print letters C, O, and G.

In **Bible**, we will continue with our lessons on Jesus and learn how he helped sad people and people who are scared.

In **math**, we will continue to learn about measurement by comparing objects by length.

In **health**, we will begin a new unit called "Living in a Family". In this unit we will learn about our families and that we are all part of God's family. It would be great if you could send in a copy of a family photo. I would like to post them in the classroom so we can see who is in each other's family. They will be returned when the unit is completed.

Library: This week we will have library so please return any library books from before Christmas.

School News

Some new protocols

Along with the new protocols I mentioned in an earlier letter, there are a few more that apply to our staff. Our staff will now be wearing medical grade masks. Masks protect others and since we sometimes work within close quarters with students, we are increasing the protection for the students. Staff will also be wearing shields or goggles. These products protect us from others. Again, as we work closely with students, we are invested to protect our staff members. Both shields and goggles are provided to teachers and they will use whichever is most convenient and comfortable for them. Teachers have taken time today to explain this to their students.

Reminder of the calendar changes:

Just a reminder of the letter sent home yesterday. Friday March 12 will be a PD Day (no school for students). We will have school March 15 - 19 and the Spring break is moved to April 12 - 16.

Library

Wednesday - Grade 4

Friday - Grade 2

School Theme:

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

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Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

It was such a great week at school! Friday was so much fun celebrating Valentine's and Colton's birthday. It has taken a bit to become independent learners, however, we are well on our way!

Thank you parents for all your hard work during online learning.

I hope you had a good Family Day.

This week we will **focus on the letter Ww** at the beginning and ending of a word. We are working on segmenting words to listen to the letter sounds we hear. We continue to identify ending sounds.

Our **new sight word** is "for". The new reader is called "For You". On Friday we will create a class book using a sentence format of "A _____ for _____." We will share an electronic version with you in the coming week.

In **math**, we are working with teen numbers and groups of 10 to understand place value. Everyday we practice counting to 30.

In **Bible**, we will learn if the Israelites were freed from the Egyptians and what happened when the Egyptians pursued the Israelites. We are reciting our memory verse together. This week we will learn that it is a song of praise to God saving the Israelites.

In **art**, we will learn how to draw a Valentine bumble bee through directed drawing.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

I hope you had a great long weekend and the students were able to rest after an exciting week. We are back at it again for a three-day week!

Bible: The Ten Commandments

Bible Verse: "Romans twelve verse eighteen. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

Spelling Words: We are going to be focusing on words with -ad, -ed, -ab, -ob endings. sad, bed, crab, blob, had, shed, pad, cob, red, bad. I anticipate that these words will be particularly challenging due to printing the "b" or "d" correctly.

Sight Words: WOO HOO! We have gone through 226 of the Dolch Sight Words!!! These are very common words that usually do not follow 'sound it out' rules. This week, we are going to focus on some of the words that have been giving us trouble; they, were, of, know, their, want, out, live, its, run, with

Math: 2D and 3D shapes, 1 more and 1 less, area and perimeter, bonds that 5 (5 and 0, 4 and 1, 3 and 2, and reverse).

100th Day of School: *DATE CHANGE***** Heads up, the 100th day of school is now February 23rd. Students may dress in costume as though we are 100 years old!

Grade 1 - Ms. ten Brink

Creation Studies - We are continuing to look at matter and materials.

We have reviewed our senses and how they help us experience the world God has given us. This week we will look at how we can use describing words for matter and materials.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

It was so good to be back in the classroom learning together. There were lots of smiles as the students had a chance to do all the things they missed most. Thank you for sending in all the paperwork from online learning; I whittled the pile down and what remains has been reviewed and assessed. You'll find that in the mail folder today.

Bible - Memory words fill-in-the blank quiz (with word bank) TOMORROW. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:28-29. We practice daily with gestures but some students may benefit from home practice.

Health - We completed a unit on Substance Abuse and Healthy living last week. Completed work and assessment is being sent home today.

Math - We are well into our unit on Sorting and Graphing. Students can expect a short test later this week or early next week.

Spelling Words - We will take 2 weeks for our next word list and phonics lessons. Check for your child's differentiated list on Spelling City. Test is on Friday, February 26.

Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop - We will wrap up our non-fiction unit this week by sharing our animal reports completed in online learning as well as our research on Canadian animals.

Creation Studies - Unit assessment for All Creatures Great and Small will be on Friday. A short study guide will be sent home in Tuesday's mail folder. We will review the guide in class and practice with partners.

Library - library is this Friday February 19.

100th day of school - Our 100th school day occurs on Tuesday Feb 23 (note change due to snow day today). In preparation for the big event, please have your child collect 100 similar items found around the house. Be creative! Please don't buy anything new. Have your child count by 2s, 5s, 10s and even 3s and 4s as they assemble the collection. Then, have your child write three clues about his/her collection to help the class identify the contents. Please have them do this independently. Bring items in an opaque container or bag.....to keep the collection a secret! Secondly, dress up like you are 100 years old. Thank you for your help!

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

I hope everyone enjoyed their extra long weekend!

This week:

Math: We started our new unit on measurement last week. We will continue to learn how to use a ruler and about converting units of length.

Language: We missed our spelling test last week due to MAP testing. Since our week is only 3 days we will do last week's test this week. We started our reading comprehension exercises last week with a focus on connection. We will continue with this.

Bible: We will be starting a new unit on the Intertestamental Times (the time between the Old and New Testaments)

Creation Studies: Our unit on Canada started off with great excitement last week. Stay tuned for Riddle Booklets that come home with facts about the different symbols of Canada that we are studying. The first was about the maple leaf. It came home already.

100s Day: 100s day has been bumped due to the snow day. It will be on Tuesday of next week. A letter will go out upon our return.

MAP Testing: Last week we did our first of three tests. All students completed their math MAP test. We need to complete a reading and a language test this week. If you know your child will be absent ahead of time please let me know.

Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

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

Memory Work - Isaiah 43:12 - due Friday - "I have revealed and saved and proclaimed- I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God."

Spelling - This week we will be working on Unit 18, which is a review week of all the units we did during online learning. We will have a dictation on Unit 18 Friday.

I Know It - There is NO IKnowIt assignment for this week.

Valentines - Students will be bringing their Valentine cards and candy home today.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Last week we worked hard to get back to the regular routines of our classroom. We also completed two of our MAP testing sessions for the winter. I had scheduled the final test for today. Hopefully we can find a time slot this week to complete it

Bible: We will review the unit on Jesus' early ministry on Wednesday and Thursday and have our test on Friday

In **math**, both grades are working to complete our measurement unit. We will have a practice test on Thursday and our unit test sometime next week.

We have completed our **literature** unit. We have a final segment of the movie to watch.

Spelling work will be on lesson 19 this week, quiz on Friday

In **social studies**, we will continue with our unit on Canada's trading connections across the globe. Students are working on trade pavilion display.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

French: A message has been sent home to parents containing the information for this week.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

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Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We are starting some new units. Grade 7 will be looking at fractions, decimals and percents. Grade 8 will be looking at geometry. Homework lists were handed out today. Daily homework will be assigned.

Gym: We will continue with our badminton unit.