

It is February and my neighbour is shovelling snow off her driveway on to piles over her head. Even though the sun is shining brightly, it is hard to imagine summer. And yet, we begin planning for the next school year – past the summer and into the fall. This is the joy of long range planning.

We are starting the budget process for the school year 2021-22. Considering enrolment and predicting the number of students and families is a key component of our planning. This is where you can help. Today you will be sent a re-enrolment form. We are asking you to indicate your intentions regarding your children's schooling for next year. We realize that predicting what the next school year will be like is challenging but we hope that you will continue with your commitment to LCS.

We ask that you reflect on the gift of LCS. Some of you have just joined the LCS community in the last year or two. How has LCS embraced your children, shown them they are loved, and encouraged them to learn? How has the LCS community embraced you? Some of you have been involved with LCS for quite a few more years. What impact has the LCS community had on you and your children? Take some time to reflect and pray before you fill out this re-enrolment form.

The form is being sent electronically. Filling out the form only takes a minute or two. We hope and trust that you will take the time to help us plan our next school year. We also hope and pray that you and your children will continue to be a part of our learning community. If you have any questions about your re-enrolment commitment, feel free to call me. I would be happy to discuss this with you.

February Events

24 - 100s Day

Birthday Corner

February 23

Jaymin B

February 27

Kyla B

February 29

Kyle R

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

I want to thank you for the well wishes and cards for my birthday last week and thank you to Melissa Stege for bringing in treats to share! I enjoyed celebrating with the class. We are in our last week of February already! We will be making more heart art this week using paint and toilet paper rolls to stamp heart shapes.

This week our **focus letter** is **Ss**. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter S.

We had fun with our special guest last week, Magic C Bunny! He was very shy but helped us learn to print letters C, O, Q and G in our workbooks. We will be printing letters S, J and D in our workbooks this week.

In **Bible**, we will conclude our unit "Stories about Jesus" by learning about how Jesus helped people who do wrong. We will begin a new unit on Thursday called "Jesus Teaches His People" with the lesson The Good Shepherd.

In **math**, we will continue our measurement unit by exploring capacity. We will look at different containers and try to guess which one will hold more.

In **health**, we will learn more about families and how we don't always get along and sometimes we need to forgive each other.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week our **focus letters will be Kk and short vowel Ee**. Students are welcome to bring a show and tell on Tuesday that begins with the letter K. We continue to work on hearing the sounds in short 3 letter words and we pull them slowly out of our mouth. We are using our listening skills to hear the last sound in a word. This week our sight word is "for" and we will be reading a reader titled "For You".

In **math**, we are working on what number comes "before" another number. We are printing our numbers to 20 and counting objects to 30. Daily we review patterning in our morning job activities.

In **Bible**, we will learn more about the Israelites as they travel through the desert and we will hear the 10 commandments and why we still need them today. We celebrated the freedom of the Israelites from the Egyptians by dancing and playing musical instruments and reciting our memory work from Exodus 15:2a. What a mighty God we serve!

A **scholastic** book order has been sent home. Please feel free to order and use our class code so that we can purchase some new books for our classroom. Students will have an opportunity to take a library book home on Monday, so please return any books that are still outstanding. Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

And BAM! Just like that, we are finishing off February.

Bible: We are on the trajectory of wrapping up our Moses unit by studying the Tabernacle, Spies in the Land (Numbers 13-14), Wilderness Wanderings (Numbers 20:1-21:9) and his death (Deuteronomy 31-34). We will not get through all of this in one week but this is where we are headed.

Bible Verse: We will be working on the same bible verse. "Romans twelve verse eighteen. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

Language: Last week, I introduced the difference between long and short vowel sounds. We will continue to explore these sounds and letters. Additionally, as we continue to write books of our goals, we will continue to think about our strengths and struggles in reading, writing, math, and for being a good neighbour.

Spelling Words: We are working on the same spelling words, especially differentiating between "b" and "d". There will be a test on Friday. The words are; sad, bed, crab, blob, had, shed, pad, cob, red, bad.

Sight Words: As mentioned last week, we are going to be tackling some of the tricky sight words we have learned in the past. We are focusing on the same tricksters as last week; they, were, of, know, their, want, out, live, its, run, with

Math: I intend to do some review of math concepts this week and some assessments. We will practice communicating our knowledge of 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), and addition and subtraction. On Tuesday, all math will be related to the number 100!

100th Day of School: Well, we sure are getting some real-life experience with adding "one more" to our calendar forecasting. Due to snow days, our 100th day of school has changed again. **Now WEDNESDAY is our 100th day of school!!** Students may dress in costume as though we are 100 years old!

School News

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.

FundScrip Orders

This is just a reminder that March FundScrip orders are due Monday, March 1st at MIDNIGHT! Delivery is set for Friday, March 5th. This is an easy way to raise funds for our Tuition Reduction Incentive Program.

Library

Wednesday - Grade 3
Friday - Grade 1



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

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Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

The 100th day of school is now this Wednesday. Dress up as if you are 100 years old (may do - optional) and bring in your 100 Mystery Bag with 3 clues written by your child (must do - homework). Bag and clue paper were in last week's mail folder.

Bible: Memory words are Matthew 16:34 (quiz on Wednesday March 3) "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" We are working through the unit: Jesus Preaches, discovering who Jesus is and all the beautiful names for Him we find in the Bible.

Math: We will complete an assessment on Sorting and Graphing this week. Our next unit has us working on Equations and Word Problems.

Spelling Words: Please refer to your child's differentiated list on Spelling City. Test is this Friday, Feb. 26.

Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop: Media literacy will be our objective for the next week or so. Students will become aware of the different places we get messages and the purposes of those messages. We will create our own commercials to persuade, inform, and entertain our audience of Grade Twos.

Art and Creation Studies: We will be creating a plasticine animal habitat as a concluding project to our study on animals.

Health: Over the course of the next 2 weeks, we plan to complete a brief unit on Human Development.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

Boy are we lucky with another unexpected long weekend! I hope everyone is enjoying all things snow! As a result of the snow day, our One Hundreds Day will be moved to Wednesday. Come dressed as a 100 year old! Lots of ideas can be found online (Pinterest is a great place to start!).

Math: We are continuing to work with measurement. Students are doing well with using a ruler and finding lengths of items.

Language: With such a short week last week we were unable to do more Reading Comprehension activities so this week we will continue with the strategy of Connection. We worked really hard on our Organization in writing as we retold a fairy tale. We are starting a new spelling unit this week. Our words are: children, search, teacher, reached, think, together, with, where, everywhere, short, push, finish, sure, who, whole

Bible: We are learning about the 400 years in between the Old and New Testaments. God's plan was carried out with the use of the Romans. We will continue to learn about this and the different religious groups of that time.

Creation Studies: We are really loving this unit on the Symbols of Canada. You may have noticed that students are bringing home riddle books and things we've made in class as reminders. Ask the kids about it! This helps them to put it in their long term memory.

Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

Math - We will be finishing our unit on Measurement (Time, Money, Capacity, Mass) this week and will have our quiz on FRIDAY. Students will take home their duotangs to study and Smartboard notes will be sent out on Thursday night as well.

Math (I KNOW IT) - TWO assignments - Capacity and Weight Conversions - due FRIDAY. If you would like a video on this topic sent to you to support students in their assignment, please let me know!

Cursive - Letters v and y are due on WEDNESDAY (pages 54 and 62).

Spelling - Unit 19 Dictation FRIDAY - goose, flew, songs, saved, shoot, grew, bush, chirp, cuckoo, robins, knew, caught, places, nest - Here is the link to all spelling lists on Spelling City -

<https://www.spellingcity.com/users/tdelleman>

Memory Work - Philippians 2:3-4 - due NEXT Friday - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Scholastic - Ordering of books is available entirely online at scholastic.ca/clubshop. Please note the class code is RC155098. A Scholastic flyer was sent home with students today.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Last week was a little shorter than expected yet lots of work was completed. Thank you to Mrs. Hiemstra for arranging the snowshoes for our and other classes' PE last week.

Bible: We have completed our unit on Jesus' early ministry and will start our next unit: "Jesus' Ministry Expands."

In **math**, both grades completed the practice test for our measurement unit. We will have our test on Wednesday. Our next unit will be transformational geometry.

We are ready to start our next novel study, Anne of Green Gables.

Spelling work will be on lesson 20 this week, quiz on Friday

In **social studies**, we will continue with our unit on Canada's trading connections across the globe. Students are completing their trade pavilion displays tomorrow and presenting them on Wednesday.

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: Last week we had a break from math with Family Day, a snow day, and snow shoes. This week we will get back on track as we start new units. Grade 7 will be looking at fractions, decimals and percents.

Grade 8 will be looking at geometry. Homework lists were handed out. Daily homework will be assigned.

Gym: Last week, we enjoyed the snow shoes, the deep snow, and the beautiful sunshine. What a great opportunity to be outdoors. This week we will continue with our badminton unit.

Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

Science: Lab on Wednesday and Chapter 7 quiz on Thursday.