

The Community of Character trait for March is optimism. What a great choice for this March. There has been a lot of recent news about being one year into this pandemic. When we started around this time last year, we were looking to close schools for two weeks after the March break. In hindsight, that sounded so simple. Now we are a year in and it still seems difficult to imagine our way out. Some of us get buried in frustration and pessimism, wondering if this will ever end.

I heard a doctor speak the other day and he was optimistic. He said he never would have imagined a vaccine to be ready so soon, and now not just one, but several are into circulation. That is reason for celebration – not just the advancement of science but also the hope for health. There may be a reason for optimism.

As we also prepare for Easter, I am reminded that, as dismal as life may feel, God is in control. I cannot imagine the despair Jesus Christ must have felt and yet he submitted to God knowing that God had an overall plan for His world. Somehow, Jesus found hope amidst his trials.

As we continue our journey in these unusual times, look for optimism. The tag line at the end of the Huron Perth Health Unit emails is “Stay positive and test negative” and that catches my attention every time. It is a good reminder to stay positive in my own mind but also to be able to rest in the hands of our God who has everything in control. He loves and cares for us so much, enough to send His son to die for us, that I am confident He will lead us through these times as well.

I am choosing to stay positive, being optimistic.

## March Events

22 - Crazy Socks Day!  
26-29 - Online Spring Auction  
29 Term 2 Report Cards go home

## Birthday Corner



**March 16**  
Liam S  
William R



**March 16**  
Landon T

## April Events

2 - Good Friday (no school)  
5 - Easter Monday (no school)  
20 - Kindergarten Registration  
9:30am to 11:30am  
26 - Spring Membership Meeting

## From the Classrooms

### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

Our Nursery Rhyme theme continues with Hickory Dickory Dock. We will be making a Hickory Dickory Dock Clock this week.

This week our focus letter is letter Vv. We will learn the letter V song from Jolly Phonics.

In our workbooks we will finish learning to print the alphabet by printing the letters W, X, Y and Z!

In math, we will be talking about duration, or how long something takes. We will also begin to take a closer look at numbers.

In Bible, we will continue with our unit "Jesus Teaches His People" with stories about the Widow's Offering and The Rich Young Man.

In health, we will explore our sense of sight and how to protect our eyes. We will also begin to make a book about our five senses.

# School News

## Library

Monday - Grade 7/8  
Wednesday - Grade 4  
Friday - Grade 2

## Student Leadership

Student Leadership March Event will happen March 25 and 26, 2021. More details yet to come.

On March 22, 2021 we will celebrate

**World Down Syndrome Day** (WDSD) by wearing colourful fun socks, to raise awareness and celebrate those with Down Syndrome.



## Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week our **focus letter** will be on the long vowel sound of letter A. We will sing the Apples and Banana Song that will help us to hear the difference between the long and short vowel sounds. We will continue to blend sounds together to hear words and segment sounds to hear what letters are needed to print a two or three letter word. Our **sight word will be "look"** for another week as we create our own book called, "Look, Look".

This week we will read Green Eggs and Ham by Dr, Seuss and see if we like green eggs and ham. Our taste testing will happen on Thursday.

In **art**, we continue to work with water colours and crayons.

In **Bible**, we will wrap up our unit on Moses and the Israelites in the desert, wandering for 40 years due to their disobedience to God.

In **math**, we are reviewing patterning and working with numbers to 20. We will begin counting to 100.

**On Fridays, we will begin using Chromebooks, please send in a pair of headphones if you have not already done so. Please label them with your child's name. Thank you!**

Monday March 22, 2021, will be **colourful socks day** in recognition of World's Down Syndrome Day!

Have a great week!

## Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

It's Monday! This week we have new sight words, spelling words, and a new Bible verse.

**Sight Words:** This week we are practicing recognizing numbers as words; two, three, five, four, six, seven, eleven, eight, nine, ten, one

**Spelling Words:** This week we are reviewing two spelling words that proved to be tricky last week. The rest of the words focus on "st" and "wh" digraphs. Our words are; much, bush, stop, step, stay, stem, whip, when, why, wham

**Language:** We are continuing to work on our procedure writing.

**Bible Verse:** We have a new Bible verse this week. "Romans chapter twelve verse sixteen. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

**Bible:** We are finishing our unit in Joshua, learning about The Promise Land.

**Math:** We are continuing to work on memorizing and knowing our "doubles" i.e. 1+1=2, 2+2=4, 3+3=6, 4+4=8, etc.

**Heads up:** Next Monday is Colourful Sock Day for Down Syndrome Awareness!

## Grade 1 - Ms. ten Brink

**Creation Studies** - This week we will put our creative thinking hats on in Creation Studies and build with matter and materials, discovering different properties about them and which ones will be best to keep our ice cubes cold as we build coolers this week.

**Gym** - We are also moving on from our parachute games in gym class, giving grade 2 a chance to have some fun with it. We are still working on our ninja skills, focusing on strength and balance for the next little while.

## Grade 2 - Mrs. Dykstra


**Bible** - Memory fill in the blank quiz on Matthew 16:25 on Wednesday. "For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it".

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

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This coming week, we will review the story of Zaacheus. After that, we will spend a few days reviewing our unit on Jesus Preaches. There will be an individual oral check in to assess understanding.

**In math**, we look forward to continuing to explore word problems.

**Spelling and Phonics:** We will take a look at the long i and o vowel teams: igh, ie, oa, oe and ow. Please refer to your child's list on Spelling City. Test is this Friday, March 19.

**Grammar** - We will look at verbs this week to aid in creating juicy details for our upcoming Three Little Pigs writing.

**Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop:** The Three Little Pigs fractured fairy tales unit continues. This week we will plan our individual stories as we learn to compare and contrast the versions of the classic fairy tale we have read.

**Creation Studies:** Simply Marvelous Machines: God Made Things to Move. Last week was all about pulleys. We will explore levers and if time permits, inclined planes. As an extension, students have been invited to take pictures of simple machines at home and in barns (if applicable). Those pictures are to be emailed to Mrs. Dykstra. We hope to have many real world examples from home and from school to broaden our learning.

### Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

This week will look a little bit different for our class as I am taking precautions, following protocol and isolating with my family. One of my children had a symptom so we are being very cautious and getting her tested. While we await the results we, as a family, all need to stay home as public health has explained on their website. I want to emphasize that we are just being very cautious.

I still made plans for your supply teacher and this is what I hope you get to do:

**Math:** Students will finish up their Tiny Houses and take measurements. This project has been a lot of fun for most students. They have been able to get a practical sense of how perimeter and area are used.

**Language:** Students will be doing another word sort today to improve their phonics. They will also be working on more organization in their writing. And lastly, they will do more small group reading comprehension.

Don't forget that spelling test is on Friday!

Spelling words: into, today, without, something, become, upon, myself, everybody, everyone, maybe, outside, basketball, homework, skateboard, earthquake

**Bible:** We are enjoying our unit on the Birth of a Saviour

**Creation Studies:** We are being introduced to a new unit this week on mammals. Students will learn what makes an animal a mammal and will pick a woodland mammal to do a research project on. This project will be done strictly at school .

**Health:** We have been learning about being healthy! This week we will have a quiz on what we've learned about healthy eating, oral health, and how to dispose of waste.

I hope everyone has a fantastic week! Hopefully I'll be back in the classroom sooner than later.

### Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

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

**Creation Studies** - We have finished our unit on "Early Exploration" and will have our quiz on THURSDAY. Students will take home duotangs and Smartboard notes will be sent home. Students will need to study the charts on different topics in the unit - Cartier, Champlain, Jesuits, Hudson's Bay Company, Land Treaties, Residential Schools, Reserves.

**Spelling** - Unit 21 Dictation FRIDAY - Canada, May, Mr., stairs, running, Ms., Mars, church, upstairs, having, Friday, Mrs., remember, stone - Here is the link to all spelling lists on Spelling City -

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

**Memory Work** - due FRIDAY - Isaiah 1:16b-17, which students can start memorizing - "Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow."

**Math (I KNOW IT)** - Fractions of Shapes - due FRIDAY. If you would like a video on this topic sent to you to support students in their assignment, please let me know!

### Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Welcome to a new week

**Bible:** We have started a new unit on the the Sermon on the Mount, Memory work this week is Matthew 6: 19 - 26, 31-33 This is due on Friday. We will be learning a few verses each day!

**In math**, we are completing our unit on transformational geometry. Practice test today, unit test on Wednesday.

In **writing**, two vignettes are due on Tuesday. We will continue developing ideas for our big story coming up in a few weeks.

We have started the first two chapters in our **novel study**, Anne of Green Gables. This week will be chapters 11, 12, and 13.

**Spelling work** will be on lesson 23 this week, quiz on Friday

In **science**, we will start a unit on electricity and electrical devices. We are researching different sources of energy used to generate electricity.

#### **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:** Both grades will complete their mid unit review on Monday (due Tuesday) and then continue with daily assignments. We are targeting a final unit test next week (maybe Tuesday).

**Gym:** This week we will finish our badminton tournament. It is good to see how competitive the students are and how their skill level has increased. Our next activity will be to try pickleball.

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

**Science:** This week we will continue with solutions. We will complete the chapter 8 material and do a review. Quiz next week.