

Weekly Messenger

March 8, 2021

Every now and then I just need to highlight a few things. Today is one of those times.

- We hosted our open House last Saturday and met with 7 families who have expressed interest in sending their children to LCS. What an excellent morning as several of our teachers were present to share the gift of LCS with our "neighbours". I enjoyed the connections we made and the excitement that new families bring. If you know someone who missed the Open House, we will proudly show LCS any day of the week. Have them contact me.
- The weather changes in March. The sun shines and it often warms up but sometimes slower than we would like. This makes dressing for the weather difficult. Remember that just because the sun shines the temperature can still be cold. Melting snow also brings water and mud. Please continue to consider these when you send your child to school. We want every child to be protected from the weather (cold, wet and mud) so they can remain healthy.
- This Friday is a PA day when staff will be writing report cards. We will take time to reflect on your child's learning, their progress, the celebrations and the challenges, and then articulating that in a report. Pray for the staff as we try to see each child through God's eyes. Pray for clarity and wisdom. In the meantime, enjoy your children at home.
- Change your clocks and your calendars. On Sunday you need to move your clocks ahead one hour and not miss the bus on Monday morning. Also a reminder, if you marked next week as March break, be sure to change that to April 12 16. Come to school next week.
- The auction is heating up. It seems there are items brought to the school daily, if not hourly. The committee is doing an excellent job organizing everything and the community is being very supportive and generous. I think the auction items are great and I hope you are able to take some time to review them and make some bids at the end of March (March 26-29).



From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

PJ Day: Please remember that this Thursday March 11 is PJ day for the whole school, including JK! Students may wear pj's (presentable for public please) and can bring a favourite book or stuffy.

This week we will learn the nursery rhyme "Humpty Dumpty" and we will make a Humpty Dumpty Craft. Our **focus letter this week is the letter U** and we will learn the letter U song.

In our workbooks we will continue to practice drawing diagonal lines with diamond and triangle shapes as well as letters M, N, and V.

In math, we will learn about and practice putting events in the correct order.

In Bible, we will learn about the Lord's Prayer and The Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

In health, we will begin a new unit about our Five Senses,

Library: Some students were unable to choose new books last week because they did not return their book. Please return these by next week Tuesday so students can choose new ones.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

Yay! We had a full week of school last week! This week Friday is a PD Day! No school for the students.

Just sending a reminder that we are not allowed to drink from the water fountain so please send a drink or a water bottle to be kept at school. It will be emptied every evening and students can fill them at the water fountain every morning. Please remember spoons as we are not to be handing out spoons either. I have already purchased and used a large box of plastic spoons. Thank you!

Our **focus letter** is Vv, students may bring a show and tell in on Tuesday that begins or ends with the letter V sound. During the morning workshop, we are strengthening our rhyming and syllable skills, matching colour words and listening for beginning and ending sounds. Our **new sight word** is "look".

In **math**, we are counting and sorting objects and will be reviewing different types of patterns.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the tabernacle.

Students will bring home a new library book on Monday.

Thursday March 11th, 2021 is pyjama day. Please come to school wearing your pyjamas. Students are welcome to bring a small stuffed animal that fits in their backpack.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

We had a full week of school last week, now we are back to a four-day week with Pajama Day being Thursday, and no school on Friday. For **Pajama Day**, students are allowed to bring 1 stuffy that must be able to fit in their backpack. We're looking forward to it!

Sight Words: This week, our sight words highlight "wh" and "ch" blends. They are; each, when, what, who, where, why, such, child, children, which, chair

Spelling Words: We are continuing to practice "sh", "ch", "th" blends, but this time, they come at the end of the words. There will be a spelling test on Thursday. Our spelling words this week are; rush, much, bath, wish, rich, both, bush, path, fish, rash

Bible Verse: Our bible verse to memorize continues to be "Proverbs chapter nineteen verse seventeen. Whoever is kind to the poor, lends to the Lord and He will reward them." We have until Thursday to memorize this verse. Many of the students are well on their way to doing so!

Bible: In addition to our school-wide virtual assembly, we are learning all about Joshua this week.

Language: We are stepping up our writing skills and beginning to practice Procedural Writing. We will focus on using transition words like "First", "Next", and "Finally".

Math: "Doubles, doubles, I can add doubles. It's no trouble for me to add double". That's right! We are memorizing adding numbers to themselves. 1+1=2, 2+2=4, 3+3=6, 4+4=8 etc.

Grade 1 - Ms. ten Brink

Creation Studies - We are continuing our look at Matter and Materials this week. Last week we created our definitions of matter, God made, and material, things made from matter. This week we see how we use our senses to discover matter and materials and what happens when we are not able to use one of our senses to discover.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

It is a shorter week again - don't forget pj day on Thursday. We will add in bringing a small stuffie to our pj day for a fun reading activity. I also anticipate a bucket party on Thursday afternoon - that pom pom jar is almost full due to kind and caring acts!

School News

Library Monday - Grade 5/6 Wednesday - Grade 3 Friday - Grade 1

Student Leadership On Thursday March 11th, 2021 we will host <u>Pajama Day</u>. All staff and students are encouraged to wear respectable pajamas to school.



On March 22, 2021 we will celebrate <u>World Down</u> <u>Syndrome Day</u> (<u>WDSD</u>) by wearing colourful fun socks, to raise awareness and celebrate those with Down syndrome.



The team event for March is yet to be finalized.

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

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Bible: Memory words fill in the blank quiz on Matthew 16:25 due on Wed. March 17. "For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it". In our Bible lessons, we will see that Jesus loves children and Jesus loves us when we make mistakes (The Rich Young Ruler).

Math: We will make a start on the word problem section of our unit this week.

Spelling and Phonics: Long e vowel teams *ea, ie and* ey. Please refer to your child's differentiated list on Spelling City. Due to the shorter week, I have slightly reduced the amount of words to learn. There will be two dictation words to assess phonemic awareness of the taught sounds. Test is Thursday this week.

Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop: We begin a new unit on fractured fairy tales, with a particular focus on *The Three Little Pigs*. We will read many versions of the story to study setting, characters, beginning, middle and end. The main project this unit will produce 15 fractured versions of this classic spelstory, authored by each Grade 2 student.

Creation Studies: Simply Marvelous Machines: God Made Things to Move. This hands-on unit begins with a challenge to make a working flag pole using: binder clips, one popsicle stick, clay, string and a paper flag. This will carry us through to Spring break.

French - We will do a bit of work on colour words and counting this week; these concepts could use another round of practice for students

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

And we are back to a short week. I hope your week goes well and you enjoy the Friday off!

Water bottles: There are some students that do not have a water bottle at school and are asking to borrow a cup. It is preferred that students have their own water bottle at school.

Spoons: I have run out of disposable spoons from students forgetting their spoons for their lunch. If you would like to donate a new box that would be great! Try your best to remember spoons!

Math: We are having a great time learning about perimeter, area and geometry while making a tiny house! Bible: We are starting a new unit in Bible about the birth of Christ.

Language: I am finishing up reading assessments this week. New spelling words are: <u>into, today, without,</u> <u>something, become, upon, myself, everybody, everyone, maybe, outside, basketball, homework, skateboard, earthquake</u>

Creation Studies: We will be reviewing our unit on Canadian symbols and celebrations on Wednesday and our test will be on Thursday.

Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

PJ Day - Thursday is PJ day! Students can wear their pyjamas to school. They may also choose ONE stuffy to bring (that can fit in their backpack).

Math - We have finished a short unit on Transformations (translations/slides, reflections/flips, and rotations/turns). Students will have a quiz on THURSDAY. Duotangs and Smartboard notes will be sent home on Wednesday night.

I Know It - Symmetry - Only 6 students completed their work from last week, so 9 students still need to complete their symmetry assignment for FRIDAY.

Cursive - Letters N and M are due on WEDNESDAY (pages 32, 33, 36, and 37).

Spelling - Unit 21 Dictation NEXT 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 - There is NO Memory Work this week. NEXT week is 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."

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Welcome to a new week

Bible: We will complete unit: "Jesus' Ministry Expands." Review tomorrow and test on Wednesday. In **math**, both grades are working to complete their unit on transformational geometry. Practice test Wednesday or Thursday. Unit test next week

We have started the first two chapters in our **novel study**, Anne of Green Gables. This week will be chapters 8,9 and 10.

Spelling work will be on lesson 2 this week, quiz on Friday

In science, we will start a unit on electricity and electrical devices. We are researching some of the history of discoveries in electricity.

<u>Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen</u>

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

<u>Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen</u>

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Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Boelens

Math: We continue to move through our different units. Grade 7 has a worksheet and a mid- unit review due this week. Grade 8 will be working through a number of worksheets to support our Geometry unit. Gym: This week we are running through our student-selected team badminton tournament.

Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

Science: This week we will continue in solutions.