

Weekly Messenger

April 19 , 2021

Well, here we go again for another experience of remote teaching. As we did in January, our staff will provide online teaching, taking the pressure off you as parents for teaching your child. Depending on the age of your children and their level of independence, it may require you to supervise their learning. We hope this experience will help you balance the opportunity for students to learn and for families to balance their time.

Here are a few details as we transition again.

**Tuesday/Wednesday:** The school will be open on these days between 9:00 – 3:00 for you to pick up school supplies. Please come through the front door and we will monitor the number of people in the school at one time. If you bring your child, they will know more about what to take and where it is.

**Chromebooks:** If you request the use of a school chromebook for remote learning, they will be in the front lobby for you. They will either be labelled for you or handed to you by Mrs. Playford or myself.

**Library Books**: If your children have already read their library books, please consider returning them to the school on Tuesday or Wednesday when you pick up your school items. There will be a bin in the front lobby for you to leave them for the librarians.

On another note, please read that attached letter from Andrea Bootsma regarding the evaluation of my job performance. We ask that every parent, staff, and board member participate and provide us good information so we can set goals and continue to improve.

### April Events

20 - Kindergarten Registration 26 - Spring Membership Meeting



It's someone's birthday somewhere...Happy Birthday!

### May Events

2-15 - LCS Read-A-Thon3-7 - Christian Education Week24 - Victoria Day (no school)

# From the Classrooms

#### <u> Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda</u>

I have items ready for pick up in the classroom. You will find art and workbooks/worksheets on each child's table spot. I am also sending home the seeds that we planted before our spring break, wait until you see how they have grown!

In cubbies you will find shoes, extra clothes and markers. If you want to leave those things at school you may, however it is also okay if you wish to take those items home. They can always be returned as needed. Our **focus letter** this week is the letter Z and we will learn our last Jolly Phonics song for letter Z. I will send out a video with this song on Tuesday morning. Students can also complete the letter Zz search and find page. We will begin a new workbook this week that introduces printing of **lowercase letters**. I would like you to try pages 2-3 (letters c and o) and 4-5 (s and v). Each page has a demonstration of how to print the letter and then a chance to trace the letter and finally print the letter. Please send me a photo of the completed pages so I can see how it is going.

In math, we will continue printing our numerals, 3, 4, and 5, using our Handwriting Without Tears "My First School Book" workbooks, pages 80-83. I encourage you to look through the workbook and complete any missed pages from the uppercase alphabet.

We will have a 30 minute **Zoom meeting** on Thursday morning at 9am. During this meeting we will do some of our morning activities and also have our Health lesson on our sense of touch. Students can bring their Five Senses book and something to colour with and they can work on their next page. I will send out an invitation to this meeting Tuesday morning. I hope many of you will be able to attend although I do realize there are some conflicts with other classes. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this return to online school

#### Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will be working with rhyming words, syllables and matching upper and lowercase letters. Our new sight word is "my". In **math**, we will be introduced to counting by 10s. We will learn about Spring Weather.

**Full Group Zoom** meetings 10 am Monday and Friday **Small Group Zoom** meetings Tuesday and Thursday. Please work on the worksheets as you are able. Keep on reading! Have a great week!

#### Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

Welcome back to school post Spring Break! We are back to online learning. As you know from my emails, students will have a 9 AM Morning Zoom, a Small Group Zoom, and a Seesaw Activity per day. As per usual, we have sight words, spelling words, and Bible verses to focus on this week. Please see below.

**Sight Words:** This week, our sight words are all math-related. Addition, plus, more, subtraction, minus, less, groups, many, equal, take, what

Spelling Words: Our spelling words focus on 'pl', 'sl', 'bl' words; play, plan, plus, plug, slap, slow slug, blow, bled, blur

**Bible Verse**: "Psalm 18:1-3 I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies."

#### Grade 1 - Ms. ten Brink

With another round of remote learning, I will miss seeing students daily. Mrs. D.B will be doing her daily zoom sessions with students, and in an attempt to keep those to a minimum, I will not be doing my lessons via zoom. I will be sharing videos and ways that students can demonstrate their learning for the week.

**Creation Studies** - We have just started our new unit and loved the warm weather before the break that allowed us outside to study the sky. I will send videos and activities to be completed at home on Mondays and they should be completed by Fridays.

**Printing** - Our printing book will be going home for this round of remote learning, and it will be the same as Creation Studies. I will post an instructional video with the assigned pages that are to be completed that week.

#### <u>Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra</u>

Welcome to round 2 of online learning. I am ready(ish) to teach and encourage our Grade 2 learners on this platform. Parents, you have my prayers and cheers daily; I humbly ask for your prayers as I teach and learn along with your children. A daily email will be sent with a to-do list; also posted on google slides and Seesaw.

## School News

#### School Pick Up Days

Please plan to come to school to pick up your student(s) belongings on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 3pm. Chromebook's will be available at that time.

#### **Kindergarten Registration**

An email has been sent out to the parents with new students entering school in fall regarding Kindergarten Registration.



#### Verse of Encouragement

"Lord you are my God; I will exalt you. I will praise your name, for you have accomplished wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness." Isaiah 25:1

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

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**Bible**: Our new unit on prayer begins in daily devotions during morning zooms. Jesus gave us a model prayer to learn from; however, God already knows our needs! We will discuss that prayer is an acknowledgement of God as Lord and how to be open to His mercy. I pray students will appreciate the simplicity and depth of the Lord's Prayer through our lessons. This week there will be a video lesson on Wednesday on "What is Prayer?" with follow up paperwork on Thursday.

**Bible Memory**: We will commit to memory the words from Romans 5:6 AND 8 for Wednesday April 28 ("You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly...But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.")

**Math:** Addition skills will be our focus over the weeks. We are beginning the job of learning to add 2 digit by 2 digit numbers together. We will work on this skill in our daily math zoom at 1pm; all paperwork will be completed together during that time.

Spelling Words and phonics: There is no spelling test this week. We will focus on homophones in our language learning.

**Reader's Workshop:** We will enjoy several read alouds this week as well as guided reading sessions on fables and fairy tales in morning zooms. I have assigned your child several books on epic to read; some have a short quiz at the end to complete. I will add this to the to-do list on Wednesday and introduce during the morning zoom.

**Writer's Workshop**: Spring break journal response will be completed on Thursday and Friday this week (once I know all paperwork is in your child's hands!) There will be a printing practice video this week on Thursday. **Creation Studies**: Oh Canada! In your paperwork, there is a Canada pocket your child created; we will utilize that, along with our printed package for Friday's Creation Studies video lesson.

#### Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

I couldn't stop smiling this morning when all of my students showed up for our morning meeting. What a blessing! Thank you so much for making that happen.

As discussed in my email, I have made packages of work. There is A LOT of work in there but I wanted to be over prepared. These can be found in the students' binders on their desks. Please take the binder home. Take note of the lists on the whiteboard to figure out should and should not be taken home.

This week our schedule is a little light until we have our packages.

**Tuesday**: 9am Morning Meeting (Calendar, Devotions, Math review), Reading: 11am (pink group), 11:25 (Green Group), 11:50 (Blue Group), 12:10 (Orange Group) NO SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Wednesday: 9am Morning Meeting (Calendar, Devotions, Math review), Writing: 11am (pink group), 11:25 (Green Group), 11:50 (Blue Group), 12:10 (Orange Group) PAPER and PENCIL NEEDED!

Thursday: 9am Morning Meeting (Calendar, Devotions, Math Test), Word Sorts: 11am (pink group), 11:25 (Green Group), 11:50 (Blue Group), 12:10 (Orange Group) Math Test and Word Sort Package needed Friday: 9am Morning Meeting (Calendar, Devotions, Math), Reading Comprehension: 11am (pink group), 11:25 (Green Group), 11:50 (Blue Group), 12:10 (Orange Group) First Math Package and Reading Comprehension Package needed.

I covet your prayers and thank you so much for working together with me.

#### Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

I have sent out an email to parents about this round of remote learning. Please take the time to read through it. Below is information on this week's assignments!

\*Please pick up the items I have left on student's desks on either Tuesday or Wednesday when you come to collect items. There are books and photocopies that students will need for remote learning and for this week's assignments. There will also be a list of items to bring home on the blackboard.\*

1.ART - Students can complete a drawing/painting/creation entitled "Being a Good Neighbour" OR take a picture with their favourite art piece (all artwork is on students' desks to collect) to include in an assembly video we will be creating for Christian Education Week. The video will be sent out to the LCS community in May.

- 2. **READING** Complete the reading and comprehension questions for this week (put on students' desks to collect).
- 3.SPELLING Complete the spelling activity sheet for "Unit 24" (put on students' desks to collect). Unit 24 is a review week, so students have seen these words before.
- 4. MATH Review the measurement sheet entitled "Units of Measurement" (put on students' desks to collect) and use it to complete the I Know It assignment online ("Estimating Lengths")

5. CURSIVE - Complete letters H and K (pages 20, 21, 28, 29) if not completed already.

\*Please send in pictures of the artwork, reading comprehension answers, and spelling worksheet by the end of the week to t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca. or post pictures on the Google Classroom course - "Grade 4 Remote Learning".\*

Starting next week, parents will receive a weekly email on Monday mornings with videos and assignments for each week.

TODAY (Monday) at 11AM I will be on Zoom to explain everything to students (and parents who want to join!). Here is the link, meeting ID, and passcode:

Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82894907790

Meeting ID: 828 9490 7790

#### Passcode: WSufK4

We will meet as a class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11am-noon on Zoom, using the same link and passcode as above. We got this! - Mrs. Delleman

#### Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Once again we will be online for a while. Parents should receive a daily email with a list of new things posted for the day. All assignments will be posted on Google classroom and all work should be scanned or pictured and attached to the post. If you have any questions, the quickest way to connect with me is through my school email. This is for students as well as parents.

Our daily zoom meeting is from 10:00-12:00

Bible: We are continuing our Bible unit entitled "Growing Popularity".

In math, we will continue with fractions and decimals. Grade 6 will also learn about ratios and rates. We will continue with our **novel study**, Anne of Green Gables. This week we will read chapters 30-34. In writing, students are writing their big story. This fictional writing assignment is at least 1000 words and includes detailed descriptions of characters, setting, and plot. The story should be told through lots of dialogue by the characters. The second draft of the story is due on Tuesday. **Spelling** Lesson 27 this week.

#### <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>

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

#### Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Google classroom has all the assignments. Grade 7 will finish off their Integer Unit and prepare for their test next week. Grade 8 will start to learn the Cartesian Coordinates. I hope to see you all online for our Zoom sessions.

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

Science: We will be exploring applications of separation techniques. The assignment for the week and the supporting materials will be posted on Wednesday. I am also planning zoom meetings for this class but have to find a spot in the schedule.