

Over the last year, I have challenged myself to find the good in the disruption of traditional schooling. Undoubtedly, there are aspects to schooling we miss because they have been taken away from us, and we cannot wait until the day they are restored. I can think of being able to teach without a mask, project my voice properly, and show facial expressions. I know primary teachers cannot wait until their carpets are back in their classrooms and circle times can be re-instated completely. We cannot wait to have recess times together, fold full school team events, and have assemblies to worship and sing as a whole student body.

As we look forward to May, we are planning for another virtual celebration of Christian education week and Grandparents and Grandfriends' day. On that day, our librarians always set up a book buying table and it is a great opportunity to stock our library with new books. We missed it last year and we will miss it again this year.

The pandemic continues to challenge us to rethink our practices and be creative in our planning. One new initiative that we will implement for this Christian education week is a read-a thon challenge. For two weeks (May 2 – 15), we will ask our students to invest their time into reading – more time than they regularly do. This will be a small fundraiser (students will seek sponsors) and the proceeds will go to support reading at LCS, either buying books for our library and/or stocking our classroom libraries with new books.

There will be more details coming home on Friday. We hope this opportunity will be a great way to restock our library shelves with excellent reading materials for our students so they can continue to participate in the love of reading.

April Events

12-16 - SPRING BREAK
20 - Kindergarten Registration
9:30am to 11:30am
26 - Spring Membership Meeting

Birthday Corner



April 7
Mr. Katerberg

April 9
Anna V

April 12
Tamara V
Levi S

April 13
Jensyn H

May Events

2-15 - LCS Read-A-Thon
3-7 - Christian Education Week
24 - Victoria Day (no school)

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

I hope and pray that you were all able to spend the weekend rejoicing in the gift of our Beautiful Saviour and his great love for us!

This week we will be planting two kinds of seeds, flower and bean seeds. Then we will wait and watch to see them grow!

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

In our workbooks, we will continue our review of the Alphabet by matching upper and lowercase letters.

In **math**, we will be learning about and practicing estimating. We will also begin practicing printing numbers.

In **Bible**, we will learn more about Easter with the stories of Jesus' Arrest, Peter's Denial and the Cross and Resurrection.

In **health**, we will be learning about our sense of taste and how we can taste sweet, sour, bitter and salty things.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will be introduced to the long vowel O sound and continue to review the short and long vowel sounds of Aa and Ii.

In **math**, we are working with teen numbers on ten frames with our math partners. We are learning to identify 10 and to count from there. In **Bible**, we will learn about Jesus' ascension to heaven and review the meaning of Easter.

In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we are printing lowercase letters and will be introduced to lowercase "u". We are learning how to print a sentence using "The Sentence Song".

We will be learning about the **water cycle** and why it rains. We will be doing our own raining experiment on Thursday.

Next week is spring break! I hope that you all enjoy your time at home. Any questions, please email me at : m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca
Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

He has risen!! Woo hoo! For the next four days before Spring Break we will continue with the same spelling words. There will be a spelling test on Friday. We have new sight words and new Bible verses to add to our memories.

Spelling Words: scab, scar, scold, scrap, snow, snap, snip, swim, sway, sweep.

Sight Words: twelve, twenty, thirteen, seventeen, sixteen, eleven, eighteen, nineteen, fourteen, fifteen, numbers

Bible Verse: Matthew 28: 17-19 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations"

Math: Please continue to practice counting back from 20. In class, we are working on recognizing the number with the number in words (1 is one, 2 is two, 13 is thirteen, etc), as well as subtraction, and the various ways to make 5.

Grade 1 - Ms. ten Brink

Creation Studies - Last week we finished off the week with reusing materials to create something new. It was wonderful to see the creativity in Grade 1!. This week we will start our new unit, The Sky Declares, looking at how the sky proclaims the handiwork of God. Over the next few weeks we will look at the seasons, weather, the sun, and clouds.

Also, a number of projects that we have worked on are going home today. Students have been asking to be able to share them with you, so I hope you are able to take a moment and let them share them with you. These do not need to come back to school.

Grade 2 - Mrs. Dykstra

He is Risen! I hope and pray you had a wonderful weekend celebrating our mighty Saviour. While it is a short week, we have fresh and exciting units of learning to begin.

Bible - review of Passover, Resurrection and various appearances by our risen Jesus. There is **no** memory test this week. 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: Last week students learned to skip count forwards and backwards by 2s, 5s, and 10s within 100, starting from any number in the case of 2s and 10s, and starting from a multiple of 5 in the case of 5s. We will play more "catch" this week with our skip counting, focusing on the tricky skill of counting backwards by 2's. Unit quiz is planned for Thursday.

School News

Library

Wednesday - Grade 4

Friday - Grade 2

Spring Break Activities

The Promotions Committee has a daily activity planned for the kids over April break. The activity page will be sent home in the KidMail envelopes and through email.

Note from Bazaar Committee

Please save any birch branches you received in your Christmas Planters. Drop them off at the school for storage.




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

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Spelling Words and phonics: Spelling test will be Friday, April 9. Word lists are posted on Seesaw and Spelling City. *Bossy r* is our phonics focus (ar, or, er, ir, ur, ore).

Reader's Workshop: Last week was listening comprehension; we turn now to inferencing (reading between the lines) by using prior knowledge and picture clues.

Writer's Workshop: We will build excitement for writing by creating family puppets and sharing our homework questions with our class. We will co-write Mrs. D's family story to model the process of "My Family Story." Thank you for the homework sent in about your own family. I almost have them all, along with a family photo. Those that have yet to send it in, please do as your child will need it immediately to support their daily writing (please send a photo, as well).

Creation Studies: Oh Canada! Today we began a new unit about our wonderful country. I will introduce special symbols and celebrations of Canada and it is my hope and prayer that God will guide us to see how these pieces shape us as Canadians. This week we plan to study the Maple Leaf, Flag Day, Canada Day, The Arms of Canada, the Monarch and Victoria Day.

Library - We enjoy our turn at the library this Friday, April 9.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

He is Risen!!! I hope you all enjoyed your long Easter weekend and were able to meditate on the sacrifice and take joy in the conquering of the grave.

Math: We are doing a short unit on time this week. So far, the students are understanding very well how an analog clock works. If you think about it, quiz them at home!

Language: We are finishing up our focus on organizing our writing. Our new spelling list is: lady, ladies, surprise, toys, shoes, shy, cry, cried, study, studied, story, only, finally, family

Bible: We are starting a new unit on Jesus' ministry.

Creation studies: We will be finishing up our mammal projects this week and adding pictures to it. We are very excited and proud of our work.

Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

Spelling - Unit 23 Dictation on FRIDAY - she's, you're, wore, someone, we're, born, won't, storm, everyone, fort, nothing, forgot, twelve, doesn't - Here is the link to all spelling lists on Spelling City - <https://www.spellingcity.com/users/tdelleman>

Memory Work - due FRIDAY - Isaiah 1:18 - "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

Math (I KNOW IT) - NO I Know It due this week.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: We will be starting a new unit in Bible this week entitled "Growing Popularity".

In **math**, we hope to wrap up our introduction to fractions this week with a test today. We will continue with fractions and decimals.

We will continue with our **novel study**, Anne of Green Gables. This week we will read chapters 26-29.

In **health**, we will be reviewing the urinary system and have a quiz on Wednesday.

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. Today is the last day that they have in class to work on it. Some students will be peer reviewing stories.

No new spelling work this week.

In **science**, we will learn more about electricity and electrical devices.

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 continue our work with integers. Grade 7's mid unit review will be due on Friday. Grade 8 will have a worksheet due on Thursday. Daily homework will be assigned.

Gym: We continue with pickleball this week.

Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

Science: We will be exploring applications of separation techniques.