

Weekly Messenger

May 10, 2021

When we started the read-a-thon idea, I was a little concerned. I was looking at how I spend my daily time and not a lot is spent on reading. I read devotionals and work related material (meeting agendas, meeting minutes, meeting information documents, ...) but I spend little time reading for pleasure. I wanted to challenge myself to expand my reading practices and fit pleasure reading into my schedule.

Again, like many of us being strapped for time, I downloaded an audio book and decided that I would listen to reading while doing other activities. My time management skills thought this was an excellent use of time and almost felt like "double dipping". It sounded like a good idea but it isn't working out quite as I had planned. A good book draws you in and you lose all context of what is around you. For the time being, you live inside that book and I have little mental energy to contribute to the "other" task. I have to stop anything else I am doing and concentrate on the book. I guess I am not able to multi-task as well as I thought.

I listen to the book while biking and for the time I bike I lose all (almost all) sense of the muscle pain and drain I am experiencing. The other day, I completed my ride after listening to more than a few chapters of the book and I had to think about where I had biked because I was so immersed in the book, I lost track of the time and the environment.

I am amazed again at the power of words, both read and written. What a gift to be able to write in a way that engages your reader and pulls them in to the book. What a gift to be able to read or listen to and enjoy what others have written. I hope that our students are enjoying the same enjoyment of their books. I also hope that, as we teach writing, our students are encouraged to write with so much details as to engage their reader.

I hope students are enjoying their reading as much as I am. I also hope that I will be able to continue this practice beyond the two week challenge.



From the Classrooms

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

Thank you to all of you who sent in pictures or videos about "Why I Love LCS". These have been included in the assemblies that will go out to our school community this week.

Our review letters this week are letters K-O. I will send out videos with the songs and printing demonstrations for these letters in emails this week.

This week in our Kick Start Kindergarten lowercase letter workbook please work on pages 14-17 which covers letters e, l, k and y.

In Math this week I encourage you to try the Jelly Bean counting book activity that was in your pick up package. For these pages students can trace the number at the top of the page, and trace/print the number on the bottom of the page. They can also colour the jelly beans in the jar.

In Bible this week we will learn about Tabitha (or Dorcas) and Philip. I will include short videos of these stories in tomorrow's email.

On Thursday this week instead of our weekly Zoom meeting we have the opportunity to join with the other classes and watch a reading of the story "Accidental Mime" by the author of the story. I will send out details with the Zoom link in Tuesday's email. It should be very entertaining! Have a great week!

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we are going to be reading Eric Carle's book **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**. We will be discovering describing words, sequencing the events and thinking about the beginning, middle and end of the story. We will listen to **The Very Quiet Cricket** and head out on a hunt for God's beautiful creepy crawlies.

In **math**, we continue to count by 2s and are challenged to print numbers to 50.

In **Bible**, we will finish learning about Saul as the King of Israel. On **Thursday**, we will join with other primary classes to hear a story about a mime and learn what being a mime looks like. Thanks Mrs. D.B. for organizing this event. Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

Sight Words: No whole group sight words this week. Please continue to practice the slide show.

Spelling Words: trap, track, tree, trip, pray, price, press, drip, drive, drum

Memory Verse: Psalm 23:1-3 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads to me quiet waters. He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name sake.

Math: continue to add coins, skip count by 25, subtraction SPECIAL EVENT: Zoom meeting with the author of Accidental Mime, Jenna Shamata!! I will send a more detailed email about this on Monday.

<u>Grade 1 - Ms. ten Brink</u>

Creation Studies - Just as we had last week, I am sharing some books for students to listen to and some activities/experiments that they can try. Books will be shared on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. **Printing** - A new lesson was shared today, Monday, and should be completed by Friday. Please don't forget to share your completed work.

<u>Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra</u>

In theme with our first ever Read-a-Thon, the primary students are invited to a zoom meeting with the author of Accidental Mime, Jenna Shamata!!! On Thursday, May 13th, at 9:00 AM join the zoom invitation sent to you by your teacher for a live reading, brief Q&A, and drama activities. Siblings can all join on a single device. If you have any questions, please ask your classroom teacher or Ms. D.B. at j.boekestyn@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Grade two - morning zooms will be replaced by our author visit at 9am Thursday. We will still have our 2 math zooms and read aloud in the afternoon on Thursday. I have added Mrs. D.B's fun mime slides to our google slide show for Grade Two.

Read-a-thon - This week we will enjoy a "Battle of the Books" in morning zooms to promote our read-a-thon efforts. The second daily learning video will be a battle of the books video with a short daily written response by students.

Bible - Video lessons continue on Wednesday with follow up paperwork. We will be working on the Lord's prayer as our memory work, due on Wednesday May 26.

Math - Addition strategies continue in our two afternoon zoom classes. Please have your child bring their blue "Number of the Day" and a dry erase marker for math warm ups.

Read aloud - Daily read aloud of the "Heartwood Hotel" begins around 1:30pm.

School News

Creative Casuals Order The LCS Clothing Sale will be open from May 1-14! Go to creativecasuals.com, click on Custom Clothing Programs and find LCS Basics or LCS Parents & Staff. Below are the logins and passwords.

BASICS: Username- LCS Password- Basics

PARENTS/STAFF: Username- LCS2 Password- Teachers

Job Openings

We are looking to hire two teachers: one for Grade 1 and one for Grade 5-6. If you know of anyone who is looking to teach and would fit onto our staff team, please encourage them to apply or let me know. Job openings will be posted in some church bulletins, in this Weekly Messenger, and on the Edvance Christian School website until May 15.

Accidental Mime

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Spelling Words: For testing Friday May 15 - too, good, book, shook, school, when, what, took, who, soon. **Bonus**: pool, smooth, boost, wheel, whale. Lists also posted on Spelling City. Monday's video lesson is a spelling lesson. Jake's words to recognize: look, we, little, down, not, one, me, my, where, jump

Phonics focus: 2 sounds of "oo" and the digraph "wh" - extra phonics videos posted on the google slide show for phonics fun!! **Creation Studies:** Oh Canada! Video lesson and activity will be posted on each Friday.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

We are continuing to work hard. This week we will have the opportunity to view a few assemblies as part of Christian Education Week/ Celebration of Learning. I hope you enjoy the work that Mrs. Playford has put into this. We are also continuing to do lots of reading for our Read-a-thon. I will not be able to read every day with the kids so please ensure that they are putting in 25 minutes each day. This can easily be done during Daily 5.

Morning Meetings start at 9am and include devotions, calendar, and math. We are working on geometry. At the end of next week we will have our test.

Small Groups focus on language. Spelling Unit 15, Writing, Reading Comprehension, Word Sorts, and Reading with your group.

1PM Meetings will include 2 Bible lessons, 2 read alouds, and 1 French lesson.

Keep up the good work!

Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

An email was sent to parents with a summary and sample schedule for this week. Below is what needs to be completed for the week. **MATH**

- Watch Video: Similar Areas and Perimeters
- Math Photocopies: Pages 160, 161, 162, 163
- I Know It: Area of Rectangles and Squares

READING

- Watch Video: Mona Lisa Mystery
- Mona Lisa Mystery Comprehension Questions
- Inferences Assignment

SPELLING

- Watch Video: Unit 27
- Spelling Photocopy: Adventure with Words Unit 27ab

• Spelling Task: write spelling words 10x each, in alphabetical order **PHONICS**

- Watch Video: R Controlled Vowels and Alphabetical Order
- Phonics Workbook: Pages 35 and 36
- Alphabetization Assignment

WRITING

- Watch Video: Verbs
- Writing Photocopy: Activity 3 (Verbs)
- Past/Present Verbs Worksheet

CURSIVE

- Letters R and Y
- Pages 44, 45, 62, 63
 Zoom Meetings MWF from 11-noon Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82894907790?

 pwd=WFFnOTUweEs2S3R1T113THVQQmZadz09 Meeting ID: 828 9490 7790 Passcode: JXr26L

Reminder: Read-A-Thon continues this week! We will continue taking 10 minutes of our Zoom times (at the end) to read the read-aloud story we started at school - "Henry and the Chalk Dragon". Remember these 10 minutes can be counted towards the student's daily goal of 30 minutes per day.

Verse of Encouragement



Perote yourselves to prayer: stay alert in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 4:2

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

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Grade 5 and 6 - Mr. Katerberg

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 for students as well as parents.

Our daily zoom meeting is from 10:00- 12:00. Students receive an email with the link each morning.

Bible: We have completed a Bible unit entitled "Parables of the Kingdom", the test is today. Our new unit is called "Ministry around Gallilee".

In math, we are working on a length, perimeter, and area unit.

We will continue with our **novel study**, Anne of Green Gables. This week students will be starting the unit project, the Anne of Green Gables board game.

In **social studies**, we have started a unit on New France, a history of the settling of New France and a study of its culture at the time.

Spelling Lesson 30 this week. The assignment is posted with exercises from the text to complete.

<u>Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen</u>

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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Math: This week we will prepare for and participate in the University of Waterloo Gauss contest. Next week we are back into algebra.

Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

Science: We will be starting the final unit of the year, "Heat in the Environment".