

Weekly Messenger

June 14 , 2021

Last week I wrote about the uncomfortable feeling of living in uncertainty. By the time the Weekly Messenger came to most of you, some certainty was already provided. Thanks to those who forwarded information to me. Now, with that certainty, we can plan for the remainder of the school year.

Although schools remain closed to in-person learning, the Ontario government recognized the need for students be together one last time and to end their school year in a celebration. We are excited about the opportunity to spend some time with our students face-to-face. We are planning to host each class for a one-hour time of celebration. During that time, the teacher will plan some interactions and activities for the students. In order to do this well, we are asking that this time be only for the teachers and their students. Parents, please drop off and pick up your child(ren) at the times provided and we will celebrate with them as a class. This will enable quality time between students and between teachers and students. We appreciate your support with this.

Graduation times:

Tuesday June 22 9:30 a.m. JK and SK classes come to school

1:00 p.m. Grade 8 students come for pictures.

Wednesday June 23 9:30 a.m. Grades 1, 3, and 5-6 classes come to school

11:00 a.m. Grades 2, 4, and 7 classes come to school

We realize that this will require some families to make multiple trips to the school. We apologize for that. However, we are trying to make the best use of our outdoor spaces while maintaining the cohorts and physical distancing and providing quality time for the students. It will be our goal to have all the report cards and student materials ready for pick up on those days as well so you don't have to return on Thursday June 24. If you could also prepare and return anything you have at home that needs to come back to the school (textbooks, library books, ...) please bring them on that day too.

We are still working out the details for directing traffic for safety and health during these graduation times. We will provide more details about how and where to drop off and pick up your children for their graduation times as that date approaches.

Note: We will be hosting a Grade 8 graduation on Wednesday June 23. However, it must also be a limited gathering and by invitation only. We will try to live stream the ceremony or post it on our Facebook page so everyone can enjoy the evening.

We hope and pray that these class graduations will be a time of celebration and a great way to end the year off together.

June Events

18 - PA Day
22 - Last of school for JK and SK graduations
23 - Last day of school last day of school for Grades 1-8-graduations
28 - Last day for staff to be at school.



June 18 June 20 Henk B William L September Events

6 - Labour Day - No School 7 - First Day of School

From the Classrooms

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

Thank you parents for working with me during online assessments last week, I appreciated your patience and support and flexibility while completing these assessments.

It is hard to believe that the school year is almost over! This week **Thursday will be our final JK Zoom meeting**. At this meeting we will be watching the end of year slide show that I have been preparing. If you have not submitted a recent photo of your JK student and would still like to have one included, please email it to me by Wednesday morning so I have time to add it to the slide show.

I am so excited that we will have the opportunity to gather as a class one last time before the summer next Tuesday morning. It will be a great way to end our JK year on a fun note. More details will be coming soon. Have a great week!

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will meet on Zoom at 10am for Monday and Thursday. Tuesday will be small group times. Friday we will NOT have school. This week our **sight word** will be Dad. We will be talking about our Dads and what we enjoy doing with them. We look forward to celebrating them on Sunday.

We will build sentences, fill in the missing words and practice our sight words.

In **math**, we will review addition, subtraction, tally marks and counting by 2s and 10s.

In **Bible**, we will review our theme verse and listen to the story of the Good Samaritan.

A final lesson plan was sent home for the remainder of the school year. Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Duiella Boekestyn

Here we have it, our 4 day week!!

- **MEETINGS**: Each day, we will have our Morning Zoom Meeting and Small Group Meetings, but I will be dismissing students earlier so that I can do reading assessments with students one-on-one.

- NO ZOOM OR SEESAW ON FRIDAY but of course, read and practice skip counting daily.

- SEESAW: Our last 3 Seesaw Activities will all be posted today. Monday's activity is posted at 9:00 AM, Tuesday's is posted today at 1:00 PM, and Wednesday's is posted today at 5:00 pm. The reason for this is, my Seesaw Plus subscription expires and I lose some privileges. Students still only need to accomplish 1 activity per day. There are no more Seesaw activities after Activity #80.

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

This is our last week for **printing**! I have just given two pages to work on since this is a shorter week. There are a few more pages left in the book and you are welcome to work through them, but I will not be requiring them to be completed before the end of the school year.

In **Creation Studies**, we are finishing our short study off with looking at a few Canadian authors and enjoying their stories. I have also included a website that has some short videos that teach about Canada, if you are wanting to learn a little more.

<u>Grade 2 – Mrs. Dykstra</u>

We have a four day week - just a few schedule changes to note: Monday-Wednesday - regular zooms

Thursday - 9am all Grade 2 students in zoom for a special craft making event (Father's Day focus). Mrs. D will be visiting the SK class on zoom at 10am so our zoom will be about an hour, starting at 9am. Thursday afternoon is regular zooms starting at 1pm. Mrs. Claus is coming to zoom at 1:30pm to talk about being in Grade Three and answer any questions.

Bible - Parables of Jesus - stories for me. Memory words due Wednesday in morning zooms: Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35.

Math: Daily math zooms for yellow group 1pm and teal group 1:40pm. We try a new "Esti-mystery" or "Three-Act Task" every day until the end of Grade Two!

Read aloud - Daily at 1:30pm of Pirates Past Noon and other end of year stories.

Reader's and Writer's Workshop: We will finish off The Chocolate Touch this week and write a few journal entries. How will John Midas solve his sweet problem?

Phonics Focus - irregular plurals and inflected endings.

School News

Meat Fundraiser I am sure your BBQ is ready for cooking and maybe has already cooked lots of meat from your freezer. It is time to re-stock!

The Grade 6-7 students are

selling meat packages from Harriston Meats. If you want to load your freezer and prepare for the summer cooking season, please connect with a Grade 6-7 student. If you want to order but don't know who to contact, you can email me (Ed Boelens) and I will either take your order or direct you to a student who lives near you. Orders are due by Wednesday June 16.

Primary Math Event

On Monday, June 21st at 9:30am, the primary division is excited to come together as a whole group on Zoom. Bring dice, a piece of paper and a pencil to play math games that you can continue all summer long. We will try some mystery estimations ("esti-mysteries") as well! These games focus on the skills grades 1, 2 and 3 have been working on, but Junior and Senior Kindergarten are welcome to join with their siblings! We are looking forward to doing something as a whole division to celebrate all of your hard work this school year. Here are the zoom details:



Mrs. Dykstra's Zoom Classroom https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6141 814490? pwd=dDJYNnowRVY5QXJlYkF rRlZDalcyUT09

> Meeting ID: 614 181 4490 Passcode: 3UCx9U

White Group modifications - no phonics focus videos or paperwork. Instead, Charlotte's Web chapters will be assigned to read. Listening Comprehension - Students will enjoy their last 3 "little miss/mr" stories this week and answering the multiple choice questions. This week, students choose one story to send his/her answers to Mrs. D. Looking ahead to ending Grade Two well - our last three days are shaping up! Please read details in the weekly messenger and emails to stay on top of times and activities. Thanks for your help.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

We are down to the final 7 days of school! I cannot get over how proud of my class and parents I am for their dedication to learning remotely. YOU ARE AMAZING!!

We are finishing and reviewing this week

Monday: Fractions in math, Spelling, and final Bible lessons **Tuesday:** Estimation and Rounding in math, Poetry, and final creation studies lesson

Wednesday: Money in math, Poetry, and French Quiz Thursday: NO ZOOMS!!!!! Reading for 30 minutes, paragraph about grade 3, and Father's Day card

Grade 4- Mrs. Delleman

An email was sent to parents with a summary and sample schedule for this week, as well as a schedule for individual reading assessments and lists of any missing work. Please note that this week there are just Reading, Spelling and Writing Assignments and Zoom only on Monday and Wednesday.

Below is what needs to be completed for this week. READING

- Watch Video: Life in Space
- Read Booklet: Life in Space
- Life in Space Comprehension Questions
- Prior Knowledge Assignment

SPELLING

- Watch Video: Unit 32
- Spelling Photocopy: Adventure with Words Unit 32ab
- Spelling Task: write out spelling words 10x, then write out a super sentence for each spelling word

WRITING

- Watch Video: Parts of Speech
- Writing Assignment: Draw and Write
- Possessives Worksheet
- CURSIVE
- Letters S and G
- Pages 18, 19, 48, 49

Zoom Meetings - Monday and Wednesday - from 11-noon Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82894907790? pwd=WFFnOTUweEs2S3R1T113THVQQmZadz09

Meeting ID: 828 9490 7790 Passcode: JXr26L

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. 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: This week we will continue our final Bible unit on 1 Peter.

Mrs. Claus Story Time! On Tuesday, June 22 at 1PM Mrs.Claus would like to invite the primary classes (but not exclusively) to story time. Mrs. Claus loves to read books and would love to share this joy with the primary classes with some year-end stories. You don't need to bring anything to the zoom, just your listening ears and your imagination! We will be using Mrs. Dykstra's Zoom Room for the event:

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From the Library

Please check your home for books from the library. If your child has books out, you should have received an email from the

LCS Office indicating what books are outstanding. We have 140 books that are still checked out so it is likely your child has one!!! Books can be returned on June 23. If you do not return the books, we will let you know the amount you owe to replace it

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

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In **math**, we will be wrapping up our probability unit. We will definitely have a math pretest toward the end of the week and will complete the unit with a test on Thursday or Monday.

In social studies, we are learning about the history of the settling of New France and a study of its culture at the time. This week we will be focusing on Forts and Rivers and the explorers of the great Canadian wilderness. Spelling Lesson 35 this week. The assignment is posted with exercises from the text to complete. In language, we will be working on alliteration.

<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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Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Grade 7 students continue their journey through probability. Daily assignments are posted on Google classroom and teaching will happen in our Zoom meetings. Grade 8 students are working on their independently created algebra unit. Daily assignments will continue to be posted on Google classroom and instructions will be given in daily Zoom meetings.

Grade 7 and 8 - Mr. Katerberg

Science: We will complete a chapter 11 quiz on Wednesday. We will tackle the final part of the course on Thursday.