

I guess it is inevitable, the weather and the seasons change in Ontario. I am a fan of warmer weather; shorts, short sleeve shirts, sandals, backyard get-togethers, outdoor life. This weekend and this morning I am reminded that type of weather doesn't last as long as I would like. When we lived in British Columbia, there was not the drastic changes in weather nor the timing. The change was minor and slow.

When I walk down the hallway, I also notice a change. The student pictures displayed on the walls are of pumpkins and leaves, not sunshine and bouncing balls. The hooks are fuller with splash pants, coats (not jackets), boots, and other warmer clothing. Gear up, the weather changes in Ontario.

Then I am reminded of something/someone that doesn't change. God doesn't change. Regardless, whether I am sitting by a campfire in July, raking leaves in October, shoveling snow in January, or planting flowers in April, God remains the same. Whether I am returning from a retreat on a spiritual high or working through difficult times, God remains the same. Whether I am at work, at church, or at home, in Listowel or any other place, God remains the same. God doesn't change.

Our theme verse says that he will be the anchor for our souls, firm and secure. He is the solid footing that we can stay rooted in, stay connected to, and allow us to feel a sense of calm when we need him. If we want to be anchored in calm water, take a rest, and enjoy his presence, he is there. If we need to be anchored in rough water for him to hold us and keep us safe, he is there. He never lets go so long as we throw out the anchor.

I guess I can deal with the changes in weather. I will bear through the winter, wait out the storm, and anticipate the Spring. In the meantime, I will celebrate the reliability and dependability of God.

October Events

21-23 - Oranje Grove Shopping Days
25 - LCS Information Evening 7-9
28/29 - Edvance Convention (no school)

Birthday Corner

October 20
Caleb D

October 22
Marcus K

November Events

16 - Gr 7/8 Fundraising Forms Due
19 - PA Day (no school)
23 - Volleyball Tournament
27 - Outdoor Christmas Bazaar
29 - First Term Report Cards

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we are all about apples in JK! We will be doing some apple stamping art and tasting apples to see which ones we like best: red, green or yellow.

Our **focus letter** is C. We will practice the sound the letter c makes using the Jolly Phonics song. We will also be singing the alphabet song and following along by pointing to the letters in our workbooks. We will be tracing shapes this week to practice control with our crayons.

In **math**, we will practice counting objects in various ways. We will count our families, ourselves, and also objects. In our **Bible** lesson, we will learn about Isaac's birth and about Jacob and Esau and how God continued to keep his promise to Abraham.

In the **gym** this week, we will be trying to toss and catch balls with a partner.

Reminders:

Tuesday is Library day, remember to bring in books if you haven't already sent them back.

Thursday is a spirit day where we are to dress as early settlers and also the team event.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on letters Uu, Vv, Ww and Xx.

Show and Tell: Bring something you are thankful for.

Monday: Joshua and Jordyn

Tuesday: Octavia and Malcolm

Thursday: Kyle and Eli

Friday: Haven and Liam

Monday: Scotti and Colton

We continue to practice rhyming words with “an” such as fan, pan, van, man, can. We are also looking at the order of letters in our names and the order of words in a sentence.

In **math**, we will learn about triangles, printing numbers to 5 and counting to 20.

In **Bible**, we will make a craft with a rainbow to remind us that God Keeps His Promises. We will also learn about the Tower of Babel and how God created new languages.

We will be tasting apples, reviewing the lifecycle of an apple, making applesauce and completing an apple experiment. We will look at different kinds of leaves and create a Leaf Man.

On Thursday we will participate in a new team event which will be held outside regardless of the weather so please dress appropriately. We will also be having a school wide dress as an early settler day, so think about what that might look like for your child. Some ideas are bonnets, skirts, suits, straw hats, and aprons. Have fun with it.

For the month of October we are collecting food to pass on to those in need.

Each student is to bring a non-perishable item that can go on their school team’s table. The table with the most weight wins and our community wins with much needed food.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca

Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

Home Reading - Keep reading or being read to, 1/2s! Home reading bags (large labeled ziplock bags) may be brought in on Fridays (or really any day is a-okay) for a set of fresh books. Each row of coloured bears needs to be signed by a parent before a prize may be selected. Thanks for helping and happy reading.

Bible - We learned that of the 66 books in the “library” of the Bible, 39 of the books are found in the Old Testament. We begin at the beginning, looking at the creation story.

Language Arts

Spelling - words are updated on Spelling City for testing this Friday. There will NOT be a practice test. This time around, I will choose 5 words from the studied words for dictation. Hopefully this will keep time spent on assessment in class shorter.

Green (-ag, ap): rag, wag, sag, tag, gag, tap, map, cap, nap, lap.

Blue (st, sh): stop, stem, step, star, stab, stem, stamp, shot, shed, shin.

Red - must try beginning sounds of green group words; may try the test for grade level.

Writing - We have created FIVE class books for our library! If we get to our goal of 22, each student will have a 2021-2022 book authored by our class to take home as a memory! We are writers. This week, we will be busy working on writing about things we know and care about. We are trying to write down sounds we hear to make words, and turn those words into sentences. Our mini-lessons focus on leaving a finger space between each word as we craft our sentences. Our writing offices are growing with tools. Students are encouraged to pull it out every time they go to write.

Creation Studies - The review planned has moved to this week. We will finish off the week with a short verbal true/false test on Simple Machines.

Grade One Math - Students will sort objects into groups based on the objects’ attributes and learn how sorting can help them be organized in real-life situations. Students will recognize that circles are curved the same everywhere and that circles can have different colours, sizes, and designs.

PE - We played “ants in my pants” to learn underhand throwing skills of “step, swing, release.” We will now try “throwing circuits” to hone our underhand throwing skills.

School News

Oranje Grove Shopping Days

Be sure to head over to Oranje Grove on October 21-23 for your Dutch shopping needs! 20% of each sale will be donated to LCS! For more info, take a look at the poster or email the school.

Outdoor Christmas Bazaar

Christmas will be here before you know it! And so will our Bazaar! Join us November 27 from 10:30-2pm for lots of festive fun! The Bazaar Committee is also looking for these items to be donated: crafts, baking, and toys for the toy store. If you are interested in donating or volunteering at the Bazaar, reach out to Lauren Wilting or Chandra Los.

Donations for Bazaar:

TOONIE JARS - Fill an empty glass jar with little items such as; packs of gum, candy, jewelry, small toys, Lego, hot wheels, etc! Anything you would like to win yourself would be a great Toonie Jar filler.

BAKING - Donations of baked or homemade goodies are needed for the day of the Bazaar to sell. Specialty items such as fudge, jam applesauce, and any homemade baking are well received. Please bring these items to the school by the end of the school day on Friday November 26th. Thanks!

OUTDOOR TENT - We are also looking for a tent to use for the event. If you have one or know someone who does, please contact Chandra Los.

LCS Clothing

LCS Clothing is back!! Orders can be placed online until Friday October 22nd, with orders being received in time for Christmas!

<https://www.creativecasuals.com/Listowel-Christian-School>
Username: LISCHR
Password: School

Health - We will finish up our unit on our own feelings and empathizing with the feelings of others. We will read one more story called “Jack’s Worries” and write about our own worries. Then we will spend time together seeing how God asks us not to worry so much and when we pray together we leave our worries with God.

Library day is tomorrow! Thank you for returning books on Tuesday or even sooner.

Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

We started on our new number sense unit last week, focusing on numbers to 20. It started with a review of the teen numbers and being introduced to using a number chart as another strategy to help us with our addition problems. This week we will also look at using one and ten blocks.

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Another full week is upon us. Please continue to pray for the health of our students and teachers as we are getting into the cold season compounded with the COVID pandemic. Last week we were blessed with full attendance for most of the week!

Last week the grade 3s also finished up MAP testing. I am very proud of them for doing their best and working hard. The tests took a long time to complete but they persevered. If you are interested in knowing how your child did, please contact me via email: c.claus@listowelchristianschool.ca. This week we hope to complete our short unit on being **Bible** explorers. If you have the opportunity to read the Bible together, have your child practice looking up the verse.

In **math**, we are continuing our unit on number sense. We will be working on reading and writing the numbers, place value, and showing the numbers in different ways. I may throw a quiz in the mix this week to see how well we understand.

In **creation studies**, we are starting a new unit. With our Early Settlers Spirit Day on Thursday, I thought it would be fun to start our Pioneer unit!

For **language**, I sent home lists on Wednesday. We have 4 different groups in the class so not everyone has the same list. These lists are geared toward your child's area of need. Blue group is working on short vowel sounds. Pink group is working on digraphs. Green group is working on blends. Yellow group is working on long vowel sounds. Their spelling tests Friday will only comprise 8 of the words on the list. Please find them below in the table:

Blue	Pink	Green	Yellow
cat	shell	stick	make
mat	shop	stool	last
bat	ham	star	has
fat	sheep	stop	cake
pat	shed	stump	snap
sat	socks	stir	whale
hat	shark	top	have
rat	soap	sink	ask

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Library - Library days are WEDNESDAYS this year.

IKnowIt - Each week, students will have an assignment online for students to complete. This week’s assignment, called “Subtracting 2-Digit Numbers”, is due FRIDAY.

Spelling - Below are the spelling teams and their words. Each team will need to study all these words in preparation for FRIDAY where 10 words from their list will be chosen for their dictation.

Word Wizards - liar, fur, third, bird, birth, shirt, thirst, skirt, twirl, dirt, first, firm, tire, hire, spire, wire

Croquette Orders

A Croquette order form was sent home today. Please return the form to the school by November 4th. Croquette pick up is at the Bazaar (November 27th).

Spirit Day & Team Event

On Thursday, October 21st we will be participating in our October Spirit Day and Team Event! This month's Spirit Day is dress like an Early Settler. Points will be awarded to those that participate! Get creative! Also on this day we will be having an outdoors Harvest Hoedown Team Event! Please dress for the weather!



Student Leadership

Our school is having a **Food Drive** Team event this week. Please bring non perishable items between Wednesday, October 13th - Wednesday, October 27th. The food will be collected and weighed for your team. This year our Food Drive items will be delivered to It Takes a Village.

Volleyball

Volleyball season has started and sign-up sheets are being sent around today and tomorrow for the girls and boys teams. This will be open to grades 7&8 with the possibility of inviting grade 6 to sign up.

The girl’s team will practice on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 starting this Wednesday. Girls should wear a long sleeved t-shirt under their gym shirt. The boy’s team will practice Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:30 starting next week Tuesday. Permission to stay after school must be sent to the office prior to practice.

Spelling Squad - hopping, chatted, winning, skipped, wrapped, hoping, quoted, pasted, racing, skated, joking, dusted, panting, greeted, shouting, floated, hunted, leading, needed, telling,

Super Spellers - six, sink, scissors, tie, tire, top, stem, stop, star, stamp, stick, sting, stir, stump, stool

Memory Work - We will be learning a number of verses from Philippians as we study the book during Bible classes. The next memory work is Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." - due NEXT Friday. We will be doing verse 7 as a memory work next.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

The weather cools, and we carry on.

Our **testing** from last week was successful. The students showed determination, perseverance and patience as they spent some considerable time on the Language, Reading, and Maths tests. As expressed, these will help orchestrate instruction that is more focused on their needs and understandings.

In **math**, the students are showing great tact and enthusiasm as they practice answering their facts, understanding how these will help them move forward, and applying them to their day to day figuring. In Grade 6 BEDMAS, order of operations and equations will be introduced, and expanded on. While Grade 5 will be working through applying their basic facts using double digits, and working with strategies to support these skill progressions.

In **Bible**, we are exploring the Where and the When of the timeline of God's story. Through Google Earth, and map skills, students will begin to piece the geographic area together, better understanding the size, and relative locations of where some of the biblical stories took place. Timelines will be used to show their place in the story, while exploring the chronological events of the Bible, but also their own lives as part of His story.

In **social studies**, we will be starting our new Unit on Flight. This science unit should enable the students to ask big questions, engage in the content within their personal understandings, create wonder, all while exploring conceptual understandings that create an inquisitive mindset throughout our science units moving forward. Stay tuned, and God speed!

In P.E we are moving on to a new sport, Volleyball. The students are eager to get to practicing their skills in which to use them in competition, happening at the end of next month at the volleyball tournament. We will be working with the distinct volleyball skills working with these to gain a furthered understanding of this sport and the teamwork needed to find consistent success.

Memory Work: The New Testament books and sections of the Bible.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

An email will be sent to parents for this week's updates!

Music - Mrs. Wright

Gr 7/8 - Quiz tomorrow. Label the parts of the ukulele.

Gr 3-8 - A Christmas choir began rehearsing today. We plan to sing at the outdoor bazaar on November 27. Interested students in grades 3-8 will rehearse Mondays at lunch. Students must attend all rehearsals as the performance is approaching quickly.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

An email will be sent to parents for this week's updates!

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Reminder that fundraising orders are due on Tuesday November 16.

Math: We are working on ratios. Daily homework is assigned. This week we will also do our math MAP test.

Gym: Monday we will finish up our fitness tests. Friday, we will start our next unit which will depend on the weather.

School Theme:
"Jesus - Anchor for the
Soul."
Hebrews 6:19a

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