

Encouragement: There are always events in your schedule that lift you up and encourage you. Our parent-teacher conferences are an example. Thursday, between our conference schedules, the staff shared dinner together. There was energy, stories and mostly excitement that we can partner with parents to support children. We are encouraged to be working together, sharing the same observations of the child, and committing to provide encouragement, direction, opportunity, and love. We are better together and that is true as we work together to teach children. We are thankful for your support and we trust we are able to support you as parents as well.

Advent: Whether you attend your church or watch online, you will notice we are in our advent season. Advent is a time of preparing ourselves to receive and celebrate the birth of Christ. That takes intentional focus for a period of time leading up to Christmas. Similar to last year, we hope to support you in this advent season by preparing daily reminders that we are in a Christmas season, not shopping or preparing meals, but preparing for God's gift of His presence on earth. We celebrate His first coming as a baby and anticipate His second coming. We hope our advent calendar of songs and words, actions and activity will light your day and focus these next two weeks on Christ. Enjoy!

Fall Membership Meeting: We trust you have all received your membership meeting materials and had time to read through them. The meeting is set for Monday December 6 starting at 7:00 p.m.

Hot Dog Lunch: There were some hot dogs left over from the bazaar and the bazaar organizers would like to cook them for the students on Thursday. Each student will receive one hot dog for lunch. If your child needs more than that to eat, please ensure they still have other food. Thank you to the bazaar organizers for their willingness to do this.

December Events

6 - Fall Membership Meeting
8 - Stroopwafel Orders Due
9 - HOT DOG LUNCH
17 - Last day of school before
Christmas Holidays

Birthday Corner



December 6 **December 11**
Charis V Owen Z
Megan V

January Events

3 - First day of school in the New Year
21 - LCS PD Day - No school
27 - Hockey Tournament

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

It was so great to meet with you all last week for parent teacher conferences. I really enjoyed chatting with each of you about your child and look forward to seeing how each student grows throughout the remainder of the year. We are working on some special Christmas activities this week!

This week we have letter **Jj** as our focus letter. We will practice the sound of letter j and find upper and lowercase Jj on our letter search page.

In our workbooks we will be printing uppercase letters F and E.

In **math**, we will be looking at patterns. Tuesday is Pattern Day! See if you can dress in a pattern! We will also learn about and create action patterns.

In **Bible**, we will read about the angel's visit to Mary and the birth of Jesus.

In **health**, we will learn more about feelings and how to recognize and respond to the feelings of others.

Looking forward to a busy, but fun week!

School News

Pizza Days
Wed. Dec 15

Fresh Stroopwafel Orders

Please have your Stroopwafel order form and money back to the school on Wednesday December 8th! Order pick up will be the end of the school day December 17th!



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December Gift Cards!

FundScrip and Oranje Grove Gift Card orders are due TONIGHT December 6th!



Battle of the Books

Students can continue to return their books to Mrs. Delleman when they are done and get new ones out! Our goal is to finish all 8 books before Christmas!

More news on the next page...

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

Thank you for all the support and encouragement during parent/teacher conferences. Thank you for raising concerns and feel free to contact me any time. When we saw the December calendar at school on Thursday, we counted only 8 days before Christmas holidays. How exciting!
SHOW AND TELL: Bring something Christmasy from home.

Monday: Scotti and Colton

Tuesday: Ronella and Carina

Thursday: Amy and Zach

Friday: Alex and Jesse

If you forget on your day, please bring something the next day.

This week we will review the letter Hh and be introduced to the letter T. We will continue to sort by the number of syllables, rhyme words and blend sounds together. In printing, we will focus on the straight line uppercase letters of V, W, X, Y and Z. We will read our new sight word reader "I Play" and make a predictable chart using the word "I".

In **math**, we will be counting to 25, printing numbers to 10 and patterning. Students will be creating their own patterns using a variety of materials and actions.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the shepherds and their important role in looking after their sheep. We will relate that back to how Jesus is our Shepherd. We will also learn about Simeon and Anna and how they waited with hope of seeing their Messiah. Our memory verse is Luke 2:11.

We will be working on our Christmas surprises for our parents this week. We will try dish brush painting.

Please send splash pants or snow pants every day. Our play yard is a muddy mess.

TUESDAY is **library day**, please return your books.

Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

We have time in the library tomorrow. I appreciated and enjoyed speaking to each family last week. Thank you for your continued partnership and prayers for our class.

Bible: Seek and Find Advent devotions and stories of the birth of Christ. New memory words are the NIV version of Luke 2: 10-12.

Bible: Review sheet is coming home today for a short quiz Thursday on the various people groups during the "silent years" aka the intertestamental times.

Language Arts - spelling words for testing Friday December 17

Orange (cr, cl, fr, fl)	Blue (-ig, -ip-, ill)	Green (-ap, -ad, -ag)	Red
clap cry fly crib fry clip crib crab club tag	pig pill wig nip mill hill dig zip rip lip	nap cap lap map dad mad sad pad rag tag	Focus on consonant sounds (beginning and end). Try to hear and write the beginning and ending sound in the green word list.
Writing - A nativity writing and art project is the focus for the final 2 weeks of December.			

Creation Studies - We push on with our mapping unit. We crafted our homes but ran a bit short of time to start our town. That is our main activity this week and next, with associated terms and exploration.

Grade One Math - the plans for the week include: comparing and ordering numbers to 20; counting on within 20; before, after, and in between numbers; and, if time permits, ordinal numbers. As well, we fit in some number sense activities and games daily.

Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

We are continuing our look at shapes this week, reviewing triangles, circles, and polygons. We will be expanding our understanding using art projects and geoboards. We also hope to finish the week starting our new unit on probability and data management looking at how we can sort and group objects.

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

It was so good to chat with each of you on Thursday and Friday. Thank you for taking the time to connect with me. We are gearing up for Christmas in our classroom!

Bible: We are continuing our unit on Christmas

Math: We have a quiz and test coming up this week. Then we start our unit on measurement.

Creation Studies: We are studying healthy eating for our health unit.

Language: We are focusing on reading and writing these next two weeks.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

IKnowIt - "Multiplication Facts Drill (0-10)" - due FRIDAY.

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

Word Wizards - warn, worm, swore, wart, wear, dwarf, word, warm, worse, world, warp, worn, swear, sword, swarm, worth

Spelling Squad - reduce, cartoon, jewel, toothache, beauty, chewy, cocoon, balloon, doodle, ruler, music, shampoo, scooter, tulip, Tuesday, useful, fewer, raccoon, noodle, student, confuse, amuse

Super Spellers - crown, clip, fry, flower, crayon, clown, fruit, float, crib, clock, frame, fly, cry, clap, freckle, flashlight, crack, climb, freezer, crackers

All spelling lists can be found on Spelling City, with games available to review words. Go to spellingcity.com/tdelleman to find links to all the spelling list words and activities.

Memory Work - Isaiah 9:6 - "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." - due December 17.

Grade 5 and 6 - Mr. Siebenga

It was great to talk with you during the conferences. It is wonderful to be reminded of the community that we have here at LCS. May we all have a blessed time in this advent season, and be comforted by the hope and promises that He shares with us, now, and always.

In **Bible**, we are wrapping up our study of Christ. The students will be exploring a few more parables, and teachings, and then we will be closing this unit off with some reflections on showing care and kindness to those around us. Some students took more ownership of these tasks. This will lead to differences in their reflections as we look to be reminded of showing these acts of kindness whenever we can. More details will follow next week.

In **math**, our unit on Geometry is also wrapping up and there will be a test for both Grade 5 and 6 on Thursday. Students may wish to work through the Show What You Know sections of their textbooks prior to this test. Basic Facts sheets were sent home today. Ask students about these, and look to practice certain groups of challenging questions depending on your students' needs.

In **science**, the students have been eagerly designing their prototypes for their upcoming Engineering Contract Proposals. These Fantastic Flyer proposals are due next week Wednesday, December 15. Their flying machine, proposal and requirements are to be detailed to see if their company gets the proposal. ;)

Job Opportunities at LCS:

Educational Assistant: We have an opening for a part time (75%) Educational Assistant. The ideal candidate will have some training in educating children, such as an ECE degree, or experience working in structured environments with children.

Administrative Assistant: We are looking for a part time (3 days a week) Administrative Assistant. The ideal candidate will exhibit independence, reliability efficiency, interpersonal communication, and good computer skills. A job description is available upon request.

If you would like to join our staff team and are committed to serving God and our community, please send your resume to Ed Boelens, principal@listowelchristianschool.ca. Resumes should be received by January 5, 2022.

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

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In **spelling**, we will have our next test today, and a new list will be sorted for tomorrow, with this sort's test happening on Friday. Look for new sorts, in their new groups, in the Google classroom.

Memory Work: 1 Samuel 16:7b

Grade 5 and 6 French– Ms. Van Kampen

An email will be sent home with this week's information.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

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Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: The next two weeks we are investigating surface area and volume of different shapes. Daily homework is assigned, and we will wrap this unit up by next week Wednesday.

Science: This week we will investigate and learn about different forces.