

I was reminded of a very valuable truth again this week: God provides.

As you know, we have two staff members who will be ending their employment with LCS very soon. Mrs. Hiemstra will complete her work on Friday January 28. She is leaving because their family is moving to Burlington. As well, Mrs. Playford will finish her work on February 18. She is leaving because they are expecting a child in March. We also say farewell to Mrs. Wigboldus. She has faithfully served as a library volunteer for quite a while (almost 10 years??). Each of these ladies have uniquely blessed LCS with their talents and their service. We thank them for blessing us.

Filling these roles was an important task. Thankfully God has always provided LCS with wonderfully talented and committed servants and he has done so again. God is faithful.

Last week we hired Mrs. Bosman to fill the role of Educational Assistant. Mrs. Bosman will begin on Monday January 31 and will spend some time this week shadowing and familiarizing herself with her new role. We also hired Mrs. Weishar for the Administrative Assistant position and she will begin her work on Monday February 21 also, with some shadowing days before then. Several new library volunteers are also already in place to fill that role.

Our staff is a team. When teammates leave, we will miss them. We have been blessed by them and we pray we have also blessed them. We wish them continued blessings as they find new ways to serve in God's world.

We never replace people. People are uniquely created and gifted and are therefore irreplaceable. However, we do fill positions and God provided new people to do that. We pray that God will bless our new staff and that we will also bless them.

Pray for everyone as they assume new roles in service to God.

January Events

28 - Pizza/Milk Orders DUE
28 - SPIRIT DAY -Team Jersey Day

Birthday Corner

January 25 **January 26**
Carson W Kenzie T

January 30
Trey V

February Events

18 - LCS PD Day - No school
21 - Family Day - No school

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we are doing some more cool art, we are going to be painting with coloured ice cubes!

Our **focus letter** is O, and we will learn the sound letter O makes by singing the Jolly Phonics song. In our workbooks we will be learning to print some more Magic C letters Q and G, and also letter S.

In **math**, we will be making indirect comparisons of objects that are irregularly shaped and difficult to measure, and begin to explore capacity using buttons and different containers.

In **Bible**, we begin a new unit about Jesus. We will learn about Jesus and the children, as well as how Jesus healed a man who was blind.

In **health**, we will continue to learn about families. Please send in a family picture for us to display in the classroom so we can see how our families are the same and also different.

Tuesday is **library day**, please remember to send in any books that need to be returned so students can choose new books.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will be reviewing our sight words, work on printing letters, and matching uppercase to lowercase letters.

In **math**, we will continue to learn about capacity, counting to 30, and printing numbers to 15.

In **Bible**, we will learn more about the life of Joseph.

Library Books are due Tuesday.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

We have had a wonderful first week back to school, short as it was! The class has been recalling our classroom routines smoothly and have adjusted well to some new ones!

Bible: We dig a little deeper into the Sermon on the Mount and commit to memory (heart and mind) Jesus' words from Matthew 5:44 "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Language Arts: We will spend another week studying the non-fiction genre. We also started a chapter book read-aloud of "June B. Jones." It is already a class favourite!

1. **Phonics:** In our study on how to deal with tricky words, we blazed through several new strategies. We finished the week meeting "Lucy Lightbulb," reminding us to reread the sentence that has the tricky word. Does it make sense? This week, I will model these strategies when we get to words we don't know....yet!

2. **Heart Words:** I will check in with students on their progress this week and send home any words that they should work on at home. Posted on Seesaw is a list of the words explicitly taught to students that cannot be sounded out.

3. **Spelling** words for testing Friday, February 4

Orange (blends; 8 words total): twin, twine, twist, whip, wheel, quit, quiz, queen

Blue (blends): stop, step, star, stab, stem, shot, shop, shed

Green (cvc words): net, pet, get, leg, beg, ten, men, hen

Creation Studies: We review the continents, oceans, equator, and add new learnings on climate and landforms this week as we study Global Communities.

Grade One Math: We wrap up our measurement unit and begin studying 2D shapes.

Library day is tomorrow.

Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

After spending some time in review last week, we are moving on to finish our unit on number sense this week and starting a unit on geometry. We will be working on counting on from a number in addition and subtraction. We will work on not having to count both groups but just start with the larger number.

Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Last week I was unexpectedly away with COVID. The class was blessed with Mrs. Koersen and Ms. VanKampen as supply teachers. I am now through my isolation period and feel much better.

This week:

Bible- We are starting a new unit on Abraham.

Language- Students will receive their new lists this week since they did not get them last week.

Creation Studies- We are continuing our unit on magnets.

Gr. 3 Math- We will have a quiz on Wednesday and a test on Friday.

School News

Next Pizza Day

The next pizza day is Wednesday February 2nd. This is to replace a missed pizza day in January.

FundScrip

This is just a reminder that our February FundScrip orders are due Monday, January 31st at MIDNIGHT.

Spirit Day

In recognition of the upcoming Olympics, the Student Leadership has decided to have a Spirit Day on Friday, January 28th! Wear your favourite team jersey and show your team pride!



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Spring Auction

Reminder that the Spring Auction is coming up! March 22-25, 2022. This week parents will receive an email about canvassing.

Pizza/Milk Orders

Please have the order form and payment in the office this Friday January 28th. We do not accept late orders.

Fundraising Drive

We are wrapping up our fundraising drive to support our budget. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to the drive. If you haven't already sent in your donation, you can send it to the LCS office.

Battle of the Books

Please return all books read over the extended break to Mrs. Delleman (Junior Team) and Mrs. Vogel (Senior Team) and come and get your duotangs of questions to start studying and preparing! We will be meeting on Thursdays at Snack Recess to practice questions, starting this week! See you there!

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

IKnowIt - Basic Division with Remainders - due FRIDAY

Novel Study - We are half way through our novel and will be having a quiz on the Ring of Truth and Ring of Fire sections on TUESDAY. Students can study their comprehension questions in their orange duotangs in preparation for the quiz. They will need to know the characters and important events that have happened so far in the book.

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 - cool, crook, fool, wood, could, noon, groom, hoof, root, stood, smooth, hook, troop, route, hoop, should, brook, stool, proof, shook, would, gloom, roost

Spelling Squad - close, moan, wave, using, eating, looking, eat, skate, closing, trading, cleaning, clean, use, moaning, trade, skating, waving, look, mail, mailing

Super Spellers - run, fan, tan, man, bun, fun, fin, ran, van, pan, win, plan, chin, grin, than, skin

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 55:6 - "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near." - due FRIDAY.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

As we settle back into a regular 5 day school week, it is good to have some routine and structure after what seems like a great deal of rejigging. The PD day on Friday was a great time of staff gathering, insight into the inclusive classroom, and how we as teachers can offer ourselves to each individual in our classrooms. I hope to share these things with the students daily, and that together we can continue to support, structure and provide a solid foundation for the students.

Looking ahead to this week:

We will continue to go through some of Jesus' last days in **Bible**. We are looking at how He prepared His disciples for His crucifixion and resurrection. The students continue to work through putting themselves in the shoes of some of those present in these events. From Jesus' teaching on the last days, to the preparation for Passover, to the washing of feet, these stories and activities provide the students a great way of seeing what it was like to be present in these times.

In **math**, we are wrapping up this unit on Length, Perimeter, Area and Volume. The students will be finishing off the unit with a show what they know in preparation for the test. The plan is to write this on Thursday. Our next unit will involve decimals and fractions.

In **reading**, we are wrapping up our next novel. The students will be reading the concluding chapters of *The Magician's Nephew*, and completing some comprehension and reading activities to go along with this. The culminating activity for this unit will be similar to the last novel, with the students choosing a way to show their understanding in a creative way.

In **writing**, we are looking at Informative Writing. The students wrote a pre-assessment last week, and we will carry on with looking at what this style of writing looks like, sounds like, and the elements that make it applicable to sharing insights and explanations. This is a great opportunity for the students to work on their non-fiction voice as they strive to gather information, organize it, and relate to their reader what they know, and how they know it. Our new unit in **Social Studies** is off to a great start. Within our province of Ontario there are amazing people doing terrific things within their industries, while others use the natural resources God blessed us with. As we navigate these sectors, we will learn about the physical area, the demographics of our province and the blessings that abound.

Relating to our time online, I will occasionally be assigning things using the Khan Academy site. This could range from the practiced math activities, but also include some other tasks. Along with this, at times I will also be assigning typing, coding, and sporcle activities that the students will be tasked with.

Blessings on the week ahead.

Grade 5 and 6 French - Mrs. Vogel

We are going to be working on a review of *etre* and *avoir* as well as introducing -er verbs.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Bible - We are studying the book of Ecclesiastes. The test on Job and Ecclesiastes will take place next week Friday.

History - Test on New France tomorrow (Tuesday) - students have review sheets that we have looked over a couple times in class.

Health - We are going to be looking at the 3rd module in the Character Playbook unit this week.

Art - Last week, we made paper marionettes. This week, we will be manipulating them to discover how to draw bodies in action and the variety of ways God created our bodies to move.

French - Last week, we started studying -ir verbs. This week, we will conclude that study and begin studying -re verbs. A quiz will be coming up next week.

WWW - Analogies set 6 will be due on Friday.

Guided Reading - We are going to be reading and summarizing our time looking at short stories related to the theme of Building Community.

Writing - Rough copies of the students' autobiography snippet are due on Wednesday when we will shift to looking at proofreading skills and analyzing our own writing.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: This week we will finish up our lessons on Data Management and end with some review assignments. Daily homework will be given. Our test will be next week Tuesday.

Science: On Monday, we will experiment with gravity. On Friday we will define and calculate work.