

Last Friday marked the end of our second term. Teachers will now gather their assessments of their student's progress, review them, and write report cards. Although busy, it is a great time to reflect on the gifts of each child and thank God for creating them so uniquely. The collage of characters make our classrooms exciting places to spend our day. Never a dull moment between what we teach, what they learn, and conversations we have.

I also want to recognize our Board members this week. The last two years have not been the easiest as we work through educational discussions and tack on all the health issues. I have always said that a good Board meeting is when every member is actively and passionately engaged in the topics. Lately, we have had some good meetings. I respect each member for their desire to serve LCS, for their struggle to discern the best road forward, and for the prayer and time they commit to our school. I am blessed to work with them. If you get a chance, you should thank them, send them an encouraging note, and continue to hold them up in prayer.

There are many others who work hard to enrich the work at LCS. We have a committed group of library volunteers, some excellent support volunteers in classrooms, some dedicated office volunteers, regular committees are still active and working hard, and now the auction committee members are fired up to prepare an excellent auction for LCS. I am amazed and thankful for the incredible amount of volunteer hours people commit to LCS. We are blessed by each person and every hour of their time, expertise, and passion. When we continue to work together to make LCS a great place to be for parents and students, God is glorified.

March Events

5 - LCS Information Morning
9am-12 noon
14-18 - March Break
21 - Second Term Report Cards
go home
21- World Down Syndrome Day
22-25 - Online Spring Auction

Birthday Corner

February 29

Kyle R
Noah H



April Events

15- Good Friday- No School
18-Easter Monday- No School
25-Spring Membership Meeting
26- Kindergarten Registration
9:30am-11:30am

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and birthday wishes last week. I had a lovely day and appreciated the treats to share with the class as well!

It is March and this month in JK we will be learning about Nursery Rhymes. This week we will read and sing the Itsy Bitsy Spider and read about the 3 Little Pigs.

Our focus letter is Tt and we will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter T and look at upper and lowercase T.

In our workbooks we will print letter N and trace and draw some shapes.

In **Bible**, we will be learning about parables, the stories of Jesus. This week we will read the parable of The Sower, and also The Wise and Foolish Builders.

Our new memory verse is Luke 10:27 "He answered: "Love the Lord Your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbour as yourself".

In **math**, we will be learning about ordinal numbers. Our new focus number is 7, our shape is diamond, and our colour is white.

We will begin our new health unit about the five senses this week.

Tuesday is Library day!

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

Last day of February! February was a bit of a roller coaster month with a few snow day interruptions. However, we look forward to March. Will it come in like a lion or a lamb? SK will be tracking the weather and together we will record how many lamb (calm wind) days and how many lion (very windy days) we have. We will share the results at the end of March.

This week our focus letters will be Jj and Ff. We are working on matching words that begin or end with the same letter, blending sounds together to read a word and segmenting sounds of a word to see what letters create a word. Lots of learning is happening in SK! Since we are created perfectly by God, we are all at different stages of learning. So thankful that God made each of us so unique.

In **math**, we are being introduced to addition no higher than 10, we count to 100 everyday and continue to practice printing numbers without reversals.

In **Bible**, we are learning the importance of the 10 Commandments and how sad and angry God was when the Israelites made the golden calf. We are learning our theme song, "Never Lets Go". Students are learning the actions and the words.

For the next 2 weeks we will be learning about hibernation and bears. We will also be wrapping up our Health unit on the 5 senses. This week we will explore some different smells. Will they like the smell of garlic or lemon? Will coffee or cinnamon be a preferred smell? Next week we will share our findings.

Library Books due Tuesday!

Pajama Day Friday March 11th, 2022 - wear your PJs to school and earn a point for your school team.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at

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Have a fantastic week!

Grade 1 and 2 – Mrs. Dykstra

The 100th day was a blast! Thanks parents, for helping with our collections and clues.

In Bible, we were introduced to our new memory work: Matthew 16:24. This verse gives us lots to think about! We have a few more stories this week to help us ask and wonder about "who is Jesus?"

Language Skills

Phonics: we continue to study "silent e" and how it "bosses" the long vowels.

Media Literacy: we spend the next 2 weeks looking at media purposes. Who wants PIE (persuade, inform, entertain)?

Spelling words for testing Thursday, March 10 (please note day)

Orange: *cake, take, shake, sale, bike, dive, nine, tire*

Blue: *cash, dash, gash, mash, back, pack, rack, jack*

Green: *net, pet, set, get, ten, men, pen, hen*

This week, we are creating a poster in creation studies to help our audience know how we can take care of God's world. This is a culminating activity for our study on global communities in God's world.

Grade One math students are looking at addition by learning several strategies (counting on, using a chart) as well as an instruction to subtraction. Please remember that every Tuesday is our library day.

Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

We continue to work on problem solving questions and fact families. We will work on looking for key words in our story problems and learn how to use the strategy of using pictures to solve our questions this week.

School News

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wednesday March 2nd
&

Wednesday March 23rd

Spring Auction

Reminder that the Spring Auction is coming up! March 22-25, 2022.

Battle of the Books

We will continue meeting every Thursday at snack recess. The Junior Team will meet with Mrs. Delleman and the Senior Team will meet with Mrs. Vogel. Remember to start studying the questions in your duotangs!

Open House

LCS will be hosting an Open House on March 5, 2022 for any new interested families. Please call the school to book an appointment time. 519-291-3086

LCS Hockey Team

Our hockey season is starting. Mr. Kraayenbrink and I (Mr. Boelens) will be coaching/helping. If your child signed up in January, you received an email from me this morning with practice dates, times, and a few other details. If you did not receive that email but your son/daughter still wants to sign up (and they are in grade 5-8), let me know. The first practice is this Wednesday at 3:00. We will transport them from the school to the area. Pick up time is shortly after 4:00.



Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

Welcome to a new term! Lots of progress has been made in these last two terms.

Bible: Our new unit focuses on Isaac and Jacob.

Creation Studies: We have finished our health unit and are going to study Canadian Symbols in our new unit.

Language: With the busyness of last week I did not send out a new word list. I will do so via email.

Gr 3 Math: Students are continuing their hard work on understanding multiplication.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

IKnowIt - This week's assignment is called "Length Conversions" and is due on FRIDAY.

Math - We have finished a shorter unit on measurement and will have our test on FRIDAY. All grades will need to know how to convert between mm, cm, m and km. Grade 4s will need to know mass (mg, g, kg) and Grade 5s temperature.

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 - walk, salt, wash, though, calm, bought, wand, talk, stalk, bald, wasp, fought, swap, chalk, stall, ought, swat, brought, cough, half, halt walk, salt, wash, though, calm, bought, wand, talk, stalk, bald, wasp, fought, swap, chalk, stall, ought, swat, brought, cough, half, halt

Spelling Squad - acted, planned, saved, waited, wanted, grabbed, closed, mixed, helped, nodded, scored, shouted, started, stirred, stepped, named, passed, dropped, chewed, lived, seemed

Super Spellers - hug, fog, dig, rag, beg, rug, big, wag, peg, wig, fig, jog, jug, flag, twig, hug, frog, drug, bag

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 - NO Memory Work for this week.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

Happy Monday,

And that wraps up February. Don't blink, or spring will be here!

As we dig deeper into this school year, the skills, and personal understandings are terrific to witness day-to-day. May you all have a wonderful week.

Looking ahead to this week:

In **Bible**, the skits depicting the events of Jesus' preparation for crucifixion were well done by the students. They brought original ideas and made them their own. We will take a pause from Jesus' storyline and move to Paul's First Missionary Journey. This is a short unit to study the books of Acts and Galatians. As students look to interject themselves into the lives of those around them, these books will help them dig deeper into what God is calling them to do and how He is equipping us.

In **Math**, the students will continue to explore the world of the partial whole. Through practice and application the students are showing great efforts. For further support, there are activities assigned online on Khan academy.

In **Reading**, we will begin our next class novel study. This time around we will be reading *Underground to Canada*. I remember reading this on my own attending LCS. It will be great to read this with the students and further explore our country's connection with persecuted humans and how we are called to help those in need.

With a brief introduction and brainstorming session last week, the students will look to move forward with their **Passion Projects**. As stated before, the students will use the informative genre that we have been looking at in **Writing** to share their insights, experiences, and research.

In **Social Studies**, we will dig deeper into our province's cities and towns, their municipal governments, and how Ontarians are open to worship God within their particular religious community. The culminating task for this unit is coming and the students will be driven through the connections that they have made within the unit.

Spelling continues with new lists posted on Google classroom weekly.

Memory Work: Galatians 2:20-21

Grade 5 and 6 French - Mrs. Vogel

I really enjoyed teaching this class over the last 2 months. At this time, Ms. VanKampen is going to be taking over 5/6 French for the 3rd term. Thank you for a fun and busy couple months of French classes with a lot of flexibility as we navigated online learning, P.D. Days, and holidays all taking place on our French days. Mrs. Vogel.

Grade 5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

I am excited to be returning to the task of teacher for this group of students! We will be continuing the unit on -er verbs begun with Mrs. Vogel. We will also follow the protocol of greetings, weather descriptors, identification of the season and date, and endeavour to practice our numbers and colours.

Gr. 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen:

While looking forward to spending time with these students once again, it is with a different "hat"; I ask for a measure of grace and patience on the part of both students and parents as I re-familiarize myself with the Science curriculum. We will continue to focus on the unit Systems in Action but moving on to the topic of Simple Machines, mechanical advantage, and efficiency.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Guided Reading - I'm very excited to start a novel study with the class on "The Hobbit" this week!

Writing - We are finishing up our Newspaper articles this week - they are starting to look fantastic!

W.W.W. - We are shifting focus this week a little bit and we are going to begin looking at the Greek and Latin roots to many of our English words. Lesson 1 due Friday.

French - We finished and presented our Olympic projects last week. Well done!

History - Test this Thursday (March 3).

Bible - Mini-essay on a Christian person you know is due tomorrow (Tuesday, March 1). The poster projects were presented in a gallery format last week. Some students did an exceptional job and I really enjoyed getting to know more about some of the people/groups the students in grade 7/8 admire and look up to.

Heath - Modules 4-6 due Wednesday, March 2.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We are blazing our way through percent (Grade 7) and geometry (Grade 8). Daily assignments are given. I am hoping to complete the unit next week, with a final test for each grade.

Special Request

I am looking for anyone that has the following games gathering dust at their place that would like to donate them to the LCS French department. Guess Who?, Uno (any version), Go Fish, Milles Bournes (bilingual version only), Bingo, Jenga, Dice (big, small or in-between), and full decks of cards. If you have another game you feel would be great in a French classroom, either send it to school or email me. Thanks so much!

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