

Weekly Messenger

March 7, 2022

Last week was a good week. We all need good weeks once in a while (and hopefully more often)!

First of all, we had our Spring Open House on Saturday. That alone was very exciting. There were five families who came through with interest in our Kindergarten programs. I was very impressed with their commitment and desire for investing in Christian education. For most of them, it was not a question about if they would enrol their child, it was just answering some details and embracing them into the LCS family. The future of LCS is in goods hands as another generation of parents invests in LCS. It made my Saturday!

Secondly, last week we had our first hockey practice. Although it was just fun to be on the ice with the students, it meant that extra curricular sports are back on. We are preparing for our hockey tournament on March 23. The other nice part of this was that there were four adults on the ice with the students showing that the adults are ready and excited to have sports happening too. After hockey will be basketball, then Track and Field, and finally baseball. Thirdly, there was some interest from students to run some intramural activities. Given changes in gym regulations, we can do this after March break. We will start with a mini-sticks tournament and that will give some of the students something to do while the Spring weather creates challenges to run and play outside.

Fourthly, I started to plan the Grade 7-8 Ottawa trip. Yes, I think we are able to go and celebrate our year together with some learning and fun opportunities in Ottawa. This is for Grade 7-8 but other teachers will also be investigating possible field trips for their classes for later in the school year.

Lastly, although I am not part of the organization for the auction, we keep seeing more and more items come into the school. The more items we see, the more it represents the broader community's support for LCS. That is wonderful to observe. Remember to bid at the auction on March 22 - 25!

These are all good things in a time where positive energy is needed. It was a good week.



From the Classrooms

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

Pyjama Day: This Thursday, March 10, we will have our own pyjama day in JK (since we won't be at school for the school pyjama day on Friday!). Students may wear pyjamas and bring a favourite stuffed toy or storybook. Happy Birthday to Jazlyn on Wednesday!

This week we will be learning the nursery rhyme "Hickory, Dickory Dock" and we will be making our own Hickory, Dickory Dock clock.

Our **focus letter** this week is letter Uu. We will practice the sound letter u makes by learning the Jolly Phonics song and practice recognizing upper and lowercase U by searching and finding both. In our workbooks we will be printing letters V, W, and X.

In Bible, we will continue to read about the stories of Jesus. We will learn how Jesus taught his disciples to pray the Lord's Prayer, and also about the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

In health, we continue our unit on the five senses and will focus on our sense of smell. Reminder: Tuesday is Library Day!

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on short vowel Uu and letter Xx. We will be identifying ending sounds, blending sounds together, and rhyming words. In handwriting we will look at how to copy a sentence and take notice where letters sit on, above, or below the line

Show and Tell: Bring one show and tell that begins with the letter Ff and one that begins with the letter Jj.

Monday: Octavia and Malcolm

Tuesday: Amy and Zach Thursday: Kyle and Eli

Friday: Scotti and Colton.

In math, we will continue to practice adding 2 numbers together. This week we will wrap up our 5 senses unit with tasting and touching. Friday Mar 11, 2022 is pajama day and stuffy day. Students are welcome to wear their pajamas to school and they may bring slippers and a stuffed animal.

Library Books due Tuesday!

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy March Break!

Grade 1 and 2 - Mrs. Dykstra

What a joy to reflect on each student through report card writing. I'm thankful to spend my days with them. As we head towards our March break. I pray a blessing on each child and family. May the week off be filled with play, rest, and a bit of reading :-)

Bible: We wrestled with the question "what would I give up to follow Jesus." What tender hearts students displayed while thinking about this loaded question. This week, we review and take a short true or false quiz about the stories of "who is Jesus?". We are gaining understanding of our memory words through actions and repeated practice. We also hope to talk about prayer, specifically through the words of the Lord's Prayer.

Language Skills

Phonics: Silent E review through games, plus a review of digraphs. Media Literacy: Boy, did we ever laugh at many of the commercials we watched together to grow in our understanding of media literacy. We also worked on understanding the author's purpose by reading many different books: was it written to inform, persuade, or entertain? This week students set off to design a cereal box to try and persuade others to buy their newly created brand of cereal.

Spelling words for testing this Thursday, March 10 (please note date). Home review may be needed. Games are available on spelling city (check Seesaw or use www.spellingcity.com/users/ddd8482)

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

Health: We are attempting to tuck in a health unit this week on Human Development.

Grade One Math: We continue to practice addition and subtraction strategies. Our goal is to be efficient and accurate when solving math problems.

Please remember that every **Tuesday** is our library day.

Grade 2 Math - Ms. ten Brink

Grade 2 has been plugging along, working through our problem solving unit with understanding when we read the words more or fewer in our story problems. This week we will be completing a short unit on partners to 10.

School News

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wednesday March 23rd & Wednesday April 6th

Spring Auction Reminder that the Spring Auction

is coming up! March 22-25, 2022.

Battle of the Books

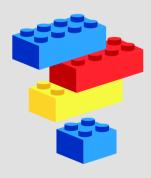
We will continue meeting every Thursday at snack recess. The Junior Team will meet with Mrs. Delleman and the Senior Team will meet with Mrs. Vogel. Remember to start studying the questions in your duotangs!

Spirit Day!

Friday, March 11 Hip, hip, horray, it's a PJ wearing dav! Rock your warmest and coziest pjs and earn points for your team.



Lego Club! We are starting round two of Lego club! This week Grade 1/2 will have a chance to see what they can create on Tuesday and Thursday at lunch recess.



Grade 2 and 3 - Mrs. Claus

We made it to the last week before March Break! This past weekend I spent writing report cards and overall I am pleased that continued progress is being made by the class. I am so blessed and encouraged by your children. **Bible**- We are currently in the middle of our unit on Isaac and Jacob. This week's focus is on Jacob and his life after leaving his family for his uncle's.

Creation Studies- Last week, I was mistaken about the unit we were starting. We are working on a mapping unit. It explores how we fit in our world.

Language- This week we will write a story based on the characters we came up with earlier.

Gr 3 Math- We are finishing up our multiplication unit this week.

Pink	Orange	Blue	Green	Yellow
run	chief	plate	cube	setting
jug	horn	plum	food	hiking
hut	candy	leaf	fruit	reading
bun	coat	pan	crust	floating
cut	check	lock	dude	living
tug	chin	pin	bloom	sharing
rug	hook	plane	suit	humming
shut	hat	plant	trust	cheering
mug	cake	plug	moon	pushing
sun	chop	log	flute	jogging

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

IKnowIt - This week's assignment is called "Time to the Nearest Minute" and is due on FRIDAY.

Novel Study - We will finish our novel study, "An Elephant in the Garden" this week and will have a quiz on the second half of the novel (Ring of Steel and Ring of Bells) on THURSDAY this week.

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

Word Wizards - cloud, clown, growl, round, down, ground, brown, owl, found, shout, rough, frown, gown, mouth, plow, south, glow, town, count, through, crow

Spelling Squad - keep, slide, shine, freeze, sweep, bleed, throw, know, threw, drew, knew, bled, swept, froze, draw, shone, say, slid, said, drove, kept, drive

Super Spellers - fell, hill, tell, mall, bill, sell, fill, fall, hall, mill, call, will, tall, well, chill, smell, shell, still, spill, small, drill

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 - 1 Peter 1:3 - due AFTER MARCH BREAK - "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Grade 5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

Today, Monday, we will be reading a short piece that focuses on the "wa" sound -- spelled "oi" (e.g. roi, Francois, bois, etc.) and of course dealing with comprehension. On Wednesday we will continue our focus on -er verbs, conjugating and learning their meanings.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

Happy Monday,

March keeps on slipping on by. Either way, enjoy next week and may it be a blessing to you and yours. Looking ahead to this week:

In **Bible**, the next unit on Paul's First Missionary Journey is proving to be steeped in early Church faith, connectedness, and the willingness of this troop to be led by the Holy Spirit. As we retrace these journey's, we learn about the diversity of the early church, accepting the differences and ideas of others, and looking to God as the one true connection. In **Math**, the students are wrapping up their introduction to decimals and we will have an assessment with this work in

the middle of this week. For further support there are activities assigned online on Khan academy.

In **Reading**, we will begin our next class novel study this week. This time around we will be reading Underground to Canada. The students are expected to relate our next unit in Social Studies, "Our American Neighbours." This will start shortly following March Break

The **Passion Projects** are off to a great start. Some tremendous research, personal connection, and poise has brought the informative text into their own world. I look forward to further supporting the students in working through their formal writing practice and their next personal passions as they share these with the class.

In **Social Studies**, we will wrap up the unit with our culminating task. The students will be challenged to imagine that they will be a particular citizen of Ontario. They will take on the personality, culture, demographic, and lifestyle of this person for one day. The students will be driven through using the land, resources, industry, and cultures of the citizens of Ontario to make this as real as they desire! They can dress up, bring in things, and be as creative as they wish. This showcase will likely occur following March Break.

Spelling continues with new lists posted on Google classroom weekly.

Gr. 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen:

Today, Monday, we will be taking up the assigned worksheet on identifying the simple machines in traditional tools as well as compound machines. This will be followed by working together through a couple of [math] word problems related to inclined planes (ramps) and calculating Work Input, Work Output, and Efficiency.

Wednesday's plan is to engage in a "lab" in small groups involving use of ramps (at different angles), wheeled devices, and Newton Spring Scales with a view to complete calculations, and of course, record and analyze results.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Bible: We are continuing our study of the book of Proverbs.

Guided Reading: We have started our study of the Hobbit and having a great time incorporating song, reading, and reflection to really delve into the layers of this novel.

Writing: We will be looking at a few more Word Skills over the next week.

History: Students wrote their history test last week Thursday. They were to be sent home and signed and returned. We have now concluded our unit on New France and the beginnings of British North America.

Geography: We are going to be starting a new unit in Geography this week on Natural Resources Around the World: Use and Sustainability.

Art: We are working on creating a story without words. Using a picture progression to tell a story to the viewer. W.W.W. - Unit 2 work will be handed out on Tuesday. It is due and the test for unit 2 will be on Friday, March 11. French: We have begun a unit on Hockey that focuses on numbers in larger quantities, vocabulary specific to hockey or ice sports, figuring out statistics and being able to use all the information to develop your own team. The students will also be working on writing and verbally explaining why they have chosen the team they put together. Health: All modules should now be complete and the quizes should be finished.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Great timing so we can finish our units before the March break. Monday the end of unit assignment is due. Both classes will have their unit tests on Tuesday. Wednesday we will have a math drill and Friday we will?