

September 12, 2022

Wow, just like that, another school year is under way. Somehow, the sunny, relaxing days of July seem like a distant memory. Amazing how that happens.


To begin our staff meetings this year, I read from Ecclesiastes 3 – the familiar “there is a time for everything”. There is a time for teachers to have summer vacation: to rest, to relax, to rejuvenate, and to enjoy God’s creation. We welcome and appreciate those times. There is also a time to be back to work and enjoy teaching, nurturing, and caring for students. We welcome and appreciate these times too. We hope the same was true for the students and for the families. It is amazing how God provides the variety of times in our lives, each balancing against another, to enrich our lives.

We enjoyed a great opening BBQ. It was good to see so many people connecting and re-connecting, sharing stories, and displaying an overall excitement to get school started. We were able to raise \$3,750 - that is more than enough to pay for the chromebook cart. We will invest the remaining money into another project that serves the students. Thanks for your generosity!

We also had a great opening assembly. It was good to worship with the students, teachers, parents, grandparents, and supporters. If you haven’t watched the video of the staff “choir”, it is posted on our school’s Facebook page (through the website). It is worth listening to and hearing the powerful words.

September is a time to set things in order and we are busy sorting paperwork in the office. Thanks to everyone who has already filled out their paperwork: tuition forms and hot lunch forms. Today you are receiving more paperwork. Please take a bit of time to ensure the forms are filled out and returned ASAP. It is important for us to have all your information current. As always, if you have any joys or concerns, ideas or questions, feel free to contact me at the school by phone (519-291-3086) or email (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca). Let’s partner as parents and teachers for the children God has blessed us with.

September Events

13- Picture Day 
27- Grade 5-8 Field Trip
28- Grade 7 Immunizations
29- Soccer Tournament
30- Grade 5-6 Camp Out

Birthday Corner

Sept 18
Carina A



Sept 18
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October Events

6- Cross Country Meet-
Cambridge
10- Thanksgiving Day, No School
24- LCS Information Evening 7-9
27 & 28- Edvance Convention,
No School

Back to 
SCHOOL

From the Classrooms

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

We have made it through the first week of school! It has been great to get to know the students a little bit and I look forward to getting to know them better throughout the year.

Tuesday is picture day! Students will each have their picture taken and there will be a class photo as well. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase photos, the office will share information regarding that process.

In language this week, we will be looking at our names and what letters are in them.

We will also talk about beginning sounds.

In math, we will be doing some sorting and looking at what makes objects the same or different from each other. Our focus colour for September is red, our focus shape is square, and our focus numbers are 0 and 1.

In Bible, we are learning about creation. Last week we learned that God created the whole earth beginning by separating the dark from the light. This week, we will learn about when God created the sky and sea and the plants. We will have a memory verse each month that we practice each day. This month, our verse is Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

In health, we are beginning with a unit about "Knowing About Me" and this week we will be learning about how God created each of us unique. We will look at fingerprints as an example of this.

Library Day: Tuesday is our first Library day. Students will be able to choose a book to bring home for the week to return next week Tuesday.

Reading Buddies: This Thursday we will begin having reading buddies with the grade 4/5 class. JK students will be paired up with a grade 5 student who will read them stories for a short time.

Extra clothes: Thank you to all of you who have sent in extra clothes. If you haven't yet sent in extra clothes, please do as soon as possible. The weather is changing which can mean wet playgrounds!

I am looking forward to a great week with all the JK students together!

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

We had a great first week at school. We are getting used to the routines and each other. This week we will enjoy going to music class with Mrs. Wright on Monday and on Tuesday we will visit the library and will be bringing a book home that needs to be returned next Tuesday.

This week we will focus on the letter Mm and the sound that it makes, we will participate in listening activities and begin rhyming words with "cat." The sight word this week is "me".

Show and Tell items should begin with the letter Mm. This week these students should bring a show and tell item. Next week I will have another list for the other students to have a turn.

1. Monday-Ruby and Blake
2. Tuesday-Delaney and Bryer
3. Thursday-Seth and Isaac
4. Friday-Faith and Kyla

In **math**, we are reviewing different ways of sorting items and counting to 10.

We are busy working with our names. This week we will build our name on a chicka chicka boom boom tree, make rainbow names and graph how many letters are in our names.

Picture Day- Tuesday September 13th, 2022 -All students will have their pictures taken even if you do not plan to buy a package. There will also be a class picture.

If you could send in a family picture by the end of September, that would be great!

We will use them as a counting activity and graphing as well as a Thanksgiving activity. A printed paper copy is absolutely fine.

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

m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca

Have a great week!

Announcements

Library Volunteers Needed:

From the library: To help the library run smoothly we are still looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to check in and shelf books and to help students check out books. You would be partnered with one of our experienced librarians. Volunteers shifts are once or twice a month on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Parents, grandparents and other supporters are welcome. If you are interested please call Andrea 519-338-5293 or email atboots@gmail.com



Girls Soccer

Our short soccer season has started!

We will practice on Tuesdays at lunch with Mrs. Claus and on Thursdays after school with Mrs. Bakker. Please make sure you send a note to the office giving permission to stay after school. We will be done at 4:30pm.



Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

1. Our first weeks of school are about getting to know a little about one another. We spend time practicing routines and learning grade one expectations. We are happy to have our own desks and enjoy exploring learning materials in our classroom. I trust that God will equip us to do our best learning together this year.
2. **Bible** classes this week are centered on our year's theme from Ephesians 6:10. What does it mean to "put on the full armor of God?" Our memory words: "Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power." We practice these together daily as a class.
3. **Picture day** is tomorrow (Tuesday). I look forward to seeing all the smiling faces.
4. We will enjoy our first trip to the **library** tomorrow (Tuesday). Your child will take home two books. Please return them on or before the next Tuesday.
5. In **math**, we review the hundreds chart, learn games, and explore numbers with tools.
6. **Language Arts**
Phonics focus: consonant sound review
Word study: our names
Reading: Students were so excited to receive their book box last week and D.E.A.R. (drop everything and read). We continue to practice the routine and enjoy pictures, sounds, words, and/or sentences we see in our books.
Read alouds: Chrysanthemum, Do Unto Otters, as well as Pigeon books by Moe Willams. Our craft/art projects reflect our learnings from these books. Our chapter book read aloud is: Junie B. Junes, Grade One at Last.
Handwriting: numeral formation. Which way do my numbers face? We talk about reversals and how to make sure our numbers are formed correctly.

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh & Mrs. Campbell

Math skills: This week we are working on our number sense up to number 10. It includes counting and matching, one-to-one correspondence, more, fewer and less, How many more?, reading number words to ten and addition and subtraction. We will also practice our mental math skills.

Language skills

Handwriting : We start off with reviewing pencil grip, capital letters and numbers 1-5.

Writing: The writing skill we are focusing on this week is Ideas.

Spelling: In this week's spelling, we focus on spelling short vowel sounds. Our 10 spelling words for this week are: on, not, but, at, had, in, did, get, red, hot.

Phonics: This week we will review the alphabet, initial and final consonants.

Reading: In reading this week we are focusing on making connections between text and ourselves. Our poem for the week is "Adding". We are reading an adventure novel called "Shipwreck on the pirate islands" together. The Grade 2's will also have ample time for 'reading to self', 'reading to a friend' and sight word games this week.

Please complete the form titled "What's the buzz on your child?' going home this week.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

Wow! We had such a great first week of school that I'm super excited to see what the second week will bring. We got to know each other, learned about how our classroom works, and even started doing some work.

Math: We will continue our review and then start in our Grade 3 books this week. Our first unit is on patterns.

Language: We have started silent reading books that are a good fit for us. This week we will review sounds made by consonants. We will also be put into spelling groups.

Bible: We are studying the Israelites' time in the desert after their escape from Egypt. Our unit is focusing on how they were called to worship, including the tabernacle.

Creation Studies: TBD

Music: Students have Music twice each week and it is taught by Mrs. Wright on Monday and Tuesday.

Gym: Our focus will be on soccer.

Library: This week Wednesday we are invited to the school library to learn how it works to take out books and how to treat the books.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Welcome to our second week of school! We had a great first week in Grade 4/5, getting to know each other better. Welcome to our many new/returning students we are grateful to have in our class! I look forward to an awesome year ahead together! - Mrs. Delleman

Library - Our library time is on WEDNESDAY each week. We will start library this week and students will sign out a couple books weekly!

Memory Work - We have been talking about our theme for the year - Armour of God - and will have our first memory work due FRIDAY - Ephesians 6:10 - "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." Students will need to have it memorized so they can recite it to the teacher during our typing time at the end of the day on Friday.

Art - We will be doing some leaf rubbings for art on Friday. Students need to bring in 5 different leaves in a ziploc bag for FRIDAY.

Spelling - We will be working on different spelling teams this year. Stay tuned for team names and list words for each group starting next week! I use Spelling City regularly and post lists on the website. If you go to spellingcity.com/tdelleman, starting next week, students will be able to access their lists and play games online using their words. We will be introducing this website to the students on Friday. We work on spelling words for two weeks before a dictation.

Grade 5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

If your child(ren) is(are) in either the 4/5 or 5/6 class, he/she/they will have a French class on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week. With sport tournaments occurring throughout the year, there may be slight changes to the schedule resulting in a double period in place of a "lost" day.

Last week, we focused on personal introductions and greetings as these verbal exchanges become a typical and component (i.e. the opening) of each class through the year. Students seemed to be gaining confidence with this process which is encouraging to see and hear!

This week, we will continue those efforts and, as the students now in Grade 6 learned last year, begin to incorporate the date and daily weather descriptors as well as identifying colours.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Siebenga

And just like that the first week is done! The students are back, some a little apprehensive, some excited, others eager to begin, and still others longing for the days of late June. I suppose I'm a little of all of those things. I pray that we as a community of learners and servants of our Lord can come together, be open, transparent, eager to move forward together, have no shame, and for all of us to achieve a vibrant childlike enthusiasm for this place and time here at LCS.

I hope you have been bombarded with questions, comments, ideas, suggestions, complaints, and positivity from the buzz that our Classroom Economy has created. If you have questions from the sheet that was sent home last week, please feel free to reachout. On that note, if you ever need to reach out about ANYTHING, please do. I will try to respond to any and all emails within 24 hours. I will appreciate your time and space, but I ask that we join together to help all of our students excel to their full potential.

We started our first **Bible** unit this morning. We will be looking at the promises provided to us from our Lord and Savior. We begin right off in the first book, in the garden looking at the GOODness of our God. As our Theme this year discusses, there is evil in our world. However, God provides and guarantees our salvation. This of course doesn't mean that our lives are always good. But we can have the HOPE that he will always anchor us to his Haven.

We have yet to dive into our new **JUMP math**. This will be ushered out later this week. Both Grades begin with Patterns. Basic Fact tests from Friday went home today. Check these with your student. These are weekly challenges where the students are striving to BE BETTER THAN BEFORE. They compete with themselves, and try to move up in levels as they improve their computational facts.

Our first **novel** will also begin later this week. It is the C.S Lewis classic, "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe." I will also be reading from one of these books at appropriate times throughout the year. "Front Desk," "Fatty Legs," "Barren Grounds," "Frindle," and "Restart." Library time for Grade 5/6 will be on Wednesday this year, so please help your student remember to bring back any library books on Wednesdays. After breaks, and when students need a brain break, or a moment of pause, they can have an Independent Reading Book (I.R.B) from their own library, public library, or the class library, to read and to use to refocus on their pressing responsibilities.

Spelling has begun, and the students are currently being divided into their leveled groups.

Memory Work: The rap part of our school Theme song. The students have a print out of these lyrics

Please see the handout about the **field trip on the 27th**

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Welcome back everyone! I'm so excited to be back and teaching in grade 7/8 again this year. I'm looking forward to the discussions, learning, growth, and relationship building that will take place over this year.

Scholastic orders are largely done online now, however there is a flyer that will go home occasionally that has a small selection of the books available, there are many more online! If you choose to order, please use our class code, RC177130, as it will help our class gain bonus dollars to use toward our classroom library and class materials. Thank you!

Students will also be bringing a folder home each Friday with marked work handed back through the week. Please sign this work and send it back with the student on Monday. Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions now or throughout the year at j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca or by calling the school and I'll get back to you as soon as I'm able.

Just a reminder from the email sent out last week, I have a strong scent sensitivity and ask that you do not send your child with any highly scented products (deodorant, hand sanitizer, perfume, cologne, hair products that hold their scent). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Bible: We will be doing some review this week as well as starting our first Unit looking at the Early Church in the New Testament. Memory Work is our theme verse, Ephesians 6:10-18. Students have two opportunities to recite or write their memory work, the first is Friday, Sept. 16. I recommend trying to have at least the first half (verses 10-13) ready for that day. The rest of the passage (verses 14-18) are due Friday, September 23. The split of verses is my recommendation but students may choose to say or write one verse all the way up to the entire passage assigned on the first due date. Whatever they do not recite or write on the first due date will be due by the second due date.

Working with Words (W.W.W.): We will be starting on looking at analogies and how they are formed this week with an assignment due on Friday, September 16.

Guided Reading: We are going to start the year by looking at a set of short stories and looking at different parts of stories through the lense of these short stories. Our first lesson deals with looking at the point of view from which the story has been written.

Writing: We are doing a mini unit based around the idea "If My Life were a Movie". Students have made the outline for their movie. We will now focus on specific scene development and writing a movie review.

History: Our first unit is Ancient Rome. We will be switching between history and geography units throughout our year. History is first. We have started making a 3-D physical map of a Roman farming village/city. Due Tuesday, September 13.

French: We are going to spend the first week or two doing some review of the ideas and concepts taught over the last year before introducing new material.

Phys. Ed: Please ensure your student has a set of gym clothes and shoes at the school for phys. ed. classes on Wednesday and Friday. Students are expected to change into and out of gym clothes as well as use deodorant after class before returning to class.

Health: We will be working on setting goals for term one and beyond. Also, we will begin an online unit based on relationships and working together in the coming weeks.

Gr. 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen:

Our first unit is Interactions in the Environment which focuses on Ecosystems. Last week students were introduced to a large list of relevant vocabulary and we read through some shorter printed summaries explaining what an ecosystem is, its relevant parts (i.e. biotic or living elements and abiotic or nonliving elements), and a couple of examples. Videos have also been viewed which provide additional insight into ecosystems around the world.

So, this week we will continue to review, familiarize ourselves, and use the appropriate terminology, specifically looking at firstly, Producers, Consumers, & Decomposers as well as the Energy Transfer that occurs in an Ecosystem.

Grade 7/8 Math – Mr. Boelens

We started with some “preseason” worksheets just to get us working, remembering, and setting good habits. The first booklet of work was due today. The second, if not already done, will be due on Wednesday. The unit homework was handed out and daily assignments will follow from that list.