

When teachers start their school year and plan their overall curriculum, we often look for the formal curriculum. We want binders of teaching resources and clearly laid out lesson plans. If you can find it, it makes teaching easier. Then comes the reality of day-to-day teaching. Opportunities come across your way that enrich the formal curriculum.

This week there will be lots of learning outside of the typical classroom. On Monday, the grade 5-6 class will be traveling to a farm to do some on-site investigation of a land area to determine what is all growing and living on the plot. It is a great hands-on activity to enhance the classroom learning they completed. On Tuesday, the volleyball teams will participate in a volleyball clinic. Yes, they will go through drills and skill development hopefully leading to better volleyball players. But they will also be learning about teamwork and developing friendships with other players from a variety of schools. There will be opportunities for developing life skills and personal growth. Friday is Remembrance Day. There will be opportunities for students to be exposed to and learn what the saying "Lest we forget" means and why we honour Remembrance Day. There will be an assembly and then the students in Grades 5-8 will walk to the cenotaph in Listowel and observe the Remembrance Day ceremony. None of these activities are in the teaching binders we given teachers at the beginning of the year. However, many of these are the things students remember. Good learning happens within and beyond the four walls of the classroom!

November Events

8 - Volleyball clinic at Woodland
18- PA Day, No School
21- Fall Membership Meeting
23- Volleyball Tournament
26- LCS Annual Christmas Bazaar
28- First Term Report Cards go home

Birthday Corner



Nov 7
Zackary J

Nov 9
Jordie C

December Events

1- Grade 8 Day at Woodland
1- Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening) No School
2- Parent-Teacher Conferences continued, No School
20- LCS Christmas Concert 1pm & 7pm
22- Last Day before Christmas



Christmas Bazaar News: Saturday November 26th, 10am-1pm



The fundraising committee is looking for the following donations:

- surprise jars
- craft items: knitting, crocheting, wooden signs etc
- baking (dropped off the day before the bazaar)
- new or gently used toys
- birch wood for Christmas Planters

All donations can be dropped off at the school office, thank-you!

Please click on the link below to sign up to volunteer on the day of the Bazaar!

Volunteer Sign up link: <https://signup.com/go/LvpzOfy>

Donation Sign up link: <http://signup.com/go/ggmRDRw>



Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This week we will be sponge painting! We are also going to experiment to find out which objects roll and which objects slide.

Our focus letter is letter Ff. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for letter F and we will do some activities to help us recognize upper and lowercase F and the sound it makes. We have started to use our "My First School Book" from Handwriting Without Tears (HWT). We are practicing using a correct pencil grip and working on controlling where we colour.

In Math, we will be learning to print numbers and we will talk about position words. In Bible, we will read about Moses and the Exodus and about the 10 Commandments. Tuesday is library day. Please remember to send in last week's books so students may take home new books.

Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Heida

This week we are focusing on the letter Dd, the number of words in a sentence, and rhyming words. Show and tell this week will be bringing in something that begins with letter C.

Monday: Melanie and Jazlyn

Tuesday: Blake and Isaac

If you forget one day, bring it the next day.

We have had a great time with Pete the Cat and I Love My White Shoes. This week we will finish our Pete the Cat craft by adding the correct colour of boots depending on what Pete stepped in...yikes! Now Pete the Cat loses his buttons...yet there is one button he will always have...ask your child what button that is?

In **math**, we are working on learning the signs for more than and less than. Students are counting to 20 and printing numbers to 7.

This week we will be learning about the importance of **Remembrance Day**. The students are learning a Remembrance Day Poem. See if they will say it with you:

We will be making a wreath to take home and laying a wreath at our school assembly on Friday morning.

On Monday November 28th, 2022, I am looking for someone to bake cupcakes with a small group of students. If this is something that interests you, please let me know.

An email was sent regarding Scholastic Books

Friday November 18th, 2022, there is NO SCHOOL. It is a P.A. Day. Any questions, please feel free to contact me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca

Have a great week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

Welcome to another wonderful week together. I'm thankful to be feeling a bit better and back with students. Thank you for praying for my family last week. I will be spending time doing quick assessments for reading skills with students this week and next to solidify my understanding of their reading skills thus far.

Bible: We have one lesson left in our Abraham Unit and then we will show what we know. I hope to have students create small dramas in groups as a review. We continue to practice memory words from Genesis 12:2 together as a class.

In **math**, students will find one more and one less than a number, count to 20 by reading number words and numerals, use number blocks to show a number, and practice counting on from any number within 20.

Language Arts - Phonics focus: l blends, s blends, r blends - blends are two letters that make 2 distinct sounds. We will practice with speech and text as we solidify these many sounds found in words we read. Keep practicing your short vowel sounds, Grade One. You'll need them daily to try to read more words, one sound at a time.

Word study consists of the heart words: do, all, of

Spelling words for dictation Friday Nov 11: flag, slim, plan, sled, slam, plum, flop, flat, club, glad, plug, clap. This week the bonus will be a short cvc sentence.

Learning to read and write: What is Remembrance Day and why is it important? That is our focus question explored through story, poem, and activities this week.

Chapter book read aloud: Mercy Watson chapter books. We are having fun with these!

Handwriting: more magic c lowercase letters as well as learn the lowercase "u" and "i." Students are very committed to careful formation in their handwriting book; now I will begin to challenge students to translate proper formation to other contexts of our learning, such as writing pieces, Creation Studies and Bible.

Creation Studies: We have a bit more work on our health unit and then we tuck in a quick look at the changes God orchestrates during the season of autumn (fall).

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wednesday Nov 16: Dominos
Wednesday Dec. 7: New Orleans

Remembrance Day Assembly

There will be a remembrance day assembly Friday November 11th at 9:40am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Remembrance Day at Cenotaph

On Friday, the Grade 5-8 students will walk to the cenotaph in Listowel. If any parents want to join us on the short walk, we will leave the school at 10:30. If not, maybe we will see you there.

Croquette & Soup Fundraiser

Croquette and soup orders are both due by **Friday November 11th**.

For more information, please contact Tanya at

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Or visit

<https://bit.ly/ListowelOnlineOrderForm>



**Poppy, poppy what do you say?
Wear me on Remembrance Day.**

**Poppy, poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.**

**Poppy, poppy what should we know?
That peace on earth should
Grow, grow, grow!**



Mrs. Grundlingh

Math & Language: This week our focus for math and language is on revision of all the work we have learned in Grade 2.

Reading: In reading this week, we are reading and discussing the book "Our class is a family" by Shannon Olsen. At school, we do so much more than just teach academics. We build a sense of community within our classrooms, creating a home away from home where our students feel safe, included, and loved. In this book we will be discussing and learning that your classroom is a place where it's safe to be yourselves, where it's okay to make mistakes, and it's important to be a friend to others. I will also continue doing running records with the children in my class this week.

Library: Please remember to send your child's library books back tomorrow morning.

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

Looking forward to a new week! Keep an eye out for Scholastic Book Orders coming home in kidmail. When you order from these we receive credits to buy books/items for our classroom - absolutely no pressure. If you wish to order the class code is **RC770611**. Also, some students do not yet have headphones at school, please send those in for our Chromebook times.

We will have a new memory work for the month of November being sent home this week and will also be posted on See Saw. We will spend some time focusing on remembrance day as well as our routine curriculum for Bible, French, Creation Studies, and Art. We were so blessed to have Mrs. Reitzema join us last week to help us make some crafts for the Bazaar. See you Thursday!

Grade 3 - Mrs. Claus

Welcome back to another beautiful week! Tomorrow I am going with the Girls Volleyball Team to Woodland Christian High School for. volleyball clinic. Mrs. Vogel will be covering my class in the morning and Ms. VanKampen will cover the afternoon. The students are aware of this.

On Friday, we will be hosting the **Remembrance Day Assembly** at 9:40am. Everyone in our class has a line to say. Please read over the lines with your child. We will also be singing a song for the school. The words have been sent home and the tune was sent via a link on Friday.

Bible: Our memory work is due on Friday:

John 3:13 "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

Language: We have been focusing on long vowel sounds in both phonics and in our word sorts. In phonics we are focusing solely on the Consonant Vowel Consonant Silent "e". The word sorts are focused on specific long vowels and the various ways they can be spelled. This week's spelling focus is on "e".

Our list words for Thursday are:

seem, green, heat, eat, sleep, leaf, set, keep, teach, next, web, clean

Creation Studies: We continue to enjoy learning about Canadian symbols. Have you seen the 2 riddle booklets that have been sent home? A few more will be sent this week.

Math: We are working on number sense: place value. Today we discussed greater than and less than < and >.

French: Last week, the students and I made a review sheet and filled it in for our upcoming test. I would like the students to be ready for this test tomorrow. They had been told a week ago already that this test was coming. It is on colours and numbers up to 20.

Upcoming Events

Volleyball Clinic at Woodland

All volleyball players should meet at the school by 8:00 am to drive to Woodland Christian High School for the clinic. They need to have their LCS jersey. If you ordered pizza, please bring your money. Players can be picked up at LCS just after 4:00.



Battle of the Books

Keep on reading!!! Reminder that all 8 books need to be read by Christmas! April 13th is our tournament! Any questions, please email
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a OR
j.vogel@listowelchristianschool.ca.



Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Remembrance Day Artwork - Students have completed some artwork for the Legion as a provincial contest. Students were sent home with a sheet that needs to be filled out with their address and then signed by parents. These forms need to be returned by Wednesday so they can be submitted with student artwork.

Bible - We have finished a short review on the Bible from Creation to Joshua and will have a quiz on THURSDAY. Students will need to know important Bible characters listed on their review that is in their duotangs. Duotangs will be sent home on Wednesday, along with Smartboard notes.

Memory Work - Not many students knew their memory work this week, so there will be another chance to study it. It will be on our test on THURSDAY as a fill-in-the-blank. Hebrews 11:1, 2 - "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for."

Spelling - We will be working on different spelling teams this year. Below are the team names and their spelling lists:

Team Word Power - thermos, thermometer, wheelbarrow, whale, thief, thorn, whip, wheel, thirteen, think, whistle, wheat, thumb, whisker, whisper

Spelling Stars - next, seem, eat, green, team, been, sleep, web, speak, clean, keep, sweep, teeth, heat, week, weak, less, set, leaf, teach, feet

Spelling Champions - athlete, pilgrim, create, control, complete, children, poet, duet, pumpkin, monster, riot, mushroom, halfway, kitchen, trial, poem, English, hundred, cruel, giant, lion, kingdom, inspect, diet

NEXT THURSDAY we will have a dictation where 10 words from each lists will be chosen. If you go to spellingcity.com/tdelleman, students will be able to access their lists and play games online using their words.

IKnowIt - Students will need to complete the assignment, "Time to the Nearest Minute" by Friday. Their username is their first and last name , and lcs12345 is the class code and password.

Grade 4/5 and 6 French- Ms. VanKampen:

This week we will be focusing on indefinite (a, an, some) and definite articles (the). That is, indefinite = un, une, des while definite = le, la, les. Use of each is pending whether a noun is masculine or feminine or plural.

We will also spend some time on Le Jour de Souvenir (Remembrance Day).

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Bonjour,

The work has begun! ;) Today, we are off to My Uncle Wayne's Apiary in Mulmur. As my email stated, some great activities will be conducted to help the students culminate their current **Science** unit on Biodiversity.

The students were introduced to their unit ending **Bible** assignment on the book of Daniel on Friday. Unfortunately classroom tech led to the website being used - powtoon.com, to not work. These issues have been rectified, and the students will be working in groups to share their recount of the five events that we studied within the book of Daniel. Each group should include these stories in their video: Daniel and his friends, Nebby's dream, the writing on the wall, the fiery furnace, and Daniel's prayer. I look forward to these creations!

We are digging into responsibilities regarding **math**. Some students can be more autonomous with their understanding of what their expectations are. Now, saying that, we will continue to work to create the best groups for each student and work to their abilities. The differentiation of our maths curriculum is a year long process, but the students are well on their way! Tests will be upcoming for both Grade 5 and 6, both on Number sense, and practising with strategies to use for multi digit addition and subtraction, and the manipulation of integers, through rounding, equating value, and real world applications.

We will wrap up the novel *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* this week. The culminating activity will be assigned after we watch the movie on Thursday and Friday of this week. The students will choose a way to show their new understanding, and present these to the class in the middle of next week.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga Continued..

Field study plot discovery, investigation of species, recording observations, community building, a survival game, and property proposal development. What a lot of expectations / opportunities! I hope the trip highlights the beauty and intricate simplicity that is God's creation. Following the trip, the students will be working to design a proposal from their group's perspective. These will be presented to Mr. Boelens and I, acting as the owners of the property; awarding the group the property with the most compelling proposal. We will gauge our decision on the group that best takes into consideration our second line of scientific inquiry: *How can we care for and nurture the biodiversity of creation.* It should be a valuable endeavour for all involved!

Month 3 has started with our classroom economy. If your student has ideas that they wish to implement, but are a bit timid, or nervous to come and talk to me about them, please continue to encourage them to square away some time for us to sit, and make these ideas see light.

In PSPE (personal, social, physical and emotional) education, the students will be assigned an online unit on Social Emotional Learning. The foundation of this unit will give the students practical real life situations to learn from, and provide them with comprehension questions to gauge their understanding of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. This is offered on the same platform that they practise typing on - Typingclub.com. They can access this resource here too.

Our mini-Football unit has concluded with the students playing some miniature games against each other on Friday. We will move on to volleyball to provide our team members some extra practice to go along with the skills and drills that they will take part in on Tuesday @ Woodland Christian High School. Play on!

Memory Work: *Then he said, "Don't be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer."* **Daniel 10:12**

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

Students made some good headway last week on preparations for their presentations of a proposed LCS Recycling and Composting Program. With the planned Volleyball Clinic at WCHS on Tuesday, Mrs. Vogel has graciously given a period on Wednesday to allow for continued work and preparation. All groups will present on Thursday. Next week we will begin our second science unit on Heat in the Environment.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Scholastic orders were sent home last week. There is a small selection on the paper order but there are so many more great books to choose from online. If you do choose to order (Christmas presents maybe?) please use our class code RC177130 as that will help our class continue to get new books for our classroom library.

Bible - We are working on the last few lessons of our Bible unit on the early church and will be looking at the different sects that made up the Jewish population at the time of Jesus. We will also be looking in the book of Acts.

Memory Work is posted on Google classroom and is due on Friday, November 11.

French - We continue to work on our unit on C'est moi.

History - We are nearing the end of our study on Ancient Rome. Students have learned about some of the more well known emperors and their impact on Ancient Rome. We will be looking at the fall of Rome this coming week with a test to follow shortly.

Art - Students have two projects they are working on right now and they are both due on Wednesday, November 16. First is their sketchbook assignment. The first 5 sketches are due on the 16th. Second is their Remembrance Day posters.

Phys. Ed. - We have been enjoying some class competition with a volleyball tournament. So far "The Unknowns" are winning. More to come this week.

Guided Reading - We will start our novel study "Refugee" this week. Circumstances this past week have taken our time and we were not able to start this past week. I'm really looking forward to studying this novel with the class.

Writing - Students have finished editing, peer editing, and typing their short stories. I look forward to reading them over the next few days. We have also begun Remembrance Day poems and/or essays. They are due Wednesday, November 16.

W.W.W. - Unit 4 work and test due Friday, November 11.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

This week we will have our Unit 2 test. Then, we will begin a unit ending assignment to make scale drawings of our bedroom. Parents, maybe you can help your child with measuring their bedroom (floor, walls, window(s), and door).