

Weekly Messenger

December 12, 2022

This week all our teachers and students will be practicing for our Christmas concert. I look forward to hearing the Christmas music ring through the classrooms, hallways, and gym. When I see and hear the singing, you can't help but get into the Christmas spirit. I am excited for the concert and the opportunity to share the gift of Christ's birth with all of you. We hope you will join us on Tuesday December 20 for either the matinee program (1:00 pm) or the evening performance (7:00 pm).

The day after the program, Wednesday December 21, we will be going skating at the Steve Kerr Arena. The hockey team will practice from 12:00 – 1:00. Students from grades 4-8 will skate from 1:00 – 2:00 and students from SK – grade 3 will skate from 2:00 – 3:00. All parents are invited to join us, and it would be very helpful to have some extra hands for skate tying!

A reminder that all students must have a helmet and mittens/gloves in order to be on the ice surface. We require all **adults also wear helmets when on the ice surface**, regardless of your own confidence in your own skating ability. This is for everyone's protection as well as to be good role models for the students.

December Events

14 - Grade 8s help at the Salvation Army
 20-Christmas Concert 1pm & 7pm
 21- Ice Skating in the afternoon
 22-Christmas Colours Dress-Up Day
 22- Last Day before Christmas
 23- First Day of Christmas Break



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 13
Celina S

Dec 14
Judah T

January Events

1-Happy New Year!
 5- "The Star" at the Norgan Theatre 2:00pm
 9- First day of school in 2023
 13-Skating
 20-Skating
 27- Skating

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This week we will continue to celebrate Christmas by working on some Christmas art projects and by practicing our verse and song for the Christmas program on December 20. Students will be performing their verse and song at both the afternoon and the evening programs.

Our **focus letter** this week is letter **Kk**. We will learn the sound letter k makes by learning the Jolly Phonics song and by doing some hands-on activities.

In our **workbooks**, we will be catching up on some pages that have been missed by students over the last couple of weeks.

In **math**, we will be making sound patterns. We will also be finishing up our number book by printing and counting 10.

In **Bible**, we will read about the shepherds and the angels that visited them. We will also read about the visit of the wise men.

Tuesday is library day, please remember to return any outstanding books.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we will be **focusing** on the letter **Rr**, compound words, and the number of syllables per word. We will talk about who are the characters of a story and sequence what happened first, next, and last.

Show and Tell: Bring in something related to Christmas.

Monday: Esmae, Danika, Melanie

Tuesday: Bryer and Seth

Thursday: Isaac and Blake

Friday: Delaney and Jazlyn

In **math**, we will begin our patterning unit and ordinal numbers (first, second, third etc). We continue to practice printing numbers to 10 and count to 30. In **Bible**, we will learn about the shepherds and their role in the Christmas story as well as about Simeon and Anna. We will practice on the stage for the Christmas Program with all our props. We are getting ready for December 20th, 2022, when we can perform at 1pm and 7pm. Come dressed in your Sunday best and share the joy of Christmas. At the evening performance, students will come to the classroom at 6:45pm, I will meet them there. After we are done performing our part, students will go and sit with their parents. So save them a seat and come and get them from the front if we cannot see where you are sitting. In **Handwriting Without Tears**, we will review letters C, O, Q and G and learn letters S, A, I, and T. These letters you have to start in the middle to complete printing the letters. Please come dressed for the weather as students are expected to go outside. Library books due Tuesday! You are welcome to send them on Monday!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

Greetings from Grade One. We are keeping busy in our room; our study of Sweden ended with some sweet treats by baking rosenmunnars together. While always an enthusiastic group, students appear even more so with the daily Seek and Find Advent devotions with object lessons! We continue building community through our morning tub time (community play) as well as our morning meeting. We greet each other, share an answer to the question of the day, read some verse from the Bible, listen to a short devotion, guess what our advent clue is, and pray for/with each other. Then we head to our desk to draw a picture and write the word for the advent clue we discovered.

Writing: A nativity writing is the focus for the final 2 weeks of school before the break.

Bible: Stories of the birth of Christ. Memory words are the Candy Cane Poem as well as Luke 2: 10-12 : But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger." We will be making a mobile to reflect this memory work and to summarize our lessons. In math, we continue working through the lessons on measurement.

Word study: Review and some new heart words: come, were, they, from, what, who

Phonics focus: it is our last week looking at consonant digraphs (2 letters = one sound). Students have been so engaged in searching for digraphs in their books. Check in with your child by having them tell you the two letters in the sounds of each of sh, ch, wh, and th (2 types)

Spelling words for Thursday December 22 (last day before the Christmas break).

There will be 10 words to study, 6 to be tested, plus a bonus sentence. Here are the words: that, then, than, them, thin, bath, math, with, thick, path, teeth

Chapter book read aloud: We have started our 3rd and final Littles book! We are also reading The Secret of the Hidden Scroll: The King is Born.

Creation Studies: Brazil and Israel are the destinations around the world this week.

We will find out who our amigo secreto (secret friend) in the class is and we will write short notes to that person.

Mrs. 2- Mrs. Koersen

Hello Grade Two Families! We will have a busy week ahead. I will be covering Mrs. Grundlingh's days while she is away. Praying for health for all your families as there are so many things going around. We're working towards earning points each day and have 10 days of Christmas surprises! We kicked it off with cupcakes last Friday!

Here's the plan for this week:

Writing/Creation Studies: Christmas Around the World will be the focus for this week. What countries will we visit this week? Ask your child what stamps they will be adding to their passports.

Math: We will be looking at distance.

Bible: Test Tuesday on the Old Testament - we will review Monday. New unit on Christmas story will follow.

Reading: We will work on our phonemic awareness and "l-blend."

Spelling: Look for the new list of words coming in kidmail today. Spelling tests are on Mondays.

Gym: We will be using some of our gym time to practice for the Christmas program and try to incorporate some games from around the world.

Art: We will wrap up some Christmas themed art and paint ornaments.

Extras to Remember: Library day Tuesday. Christmas Program Dec 20 at 1pm and 7pm. School skating Dec 21, and Team event Dec 22 - dress up in as much Christmas attire/colours as possible. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wednesday Dec 21: Dominos Pizza

Goodies for Christmas Concert

We are back doing our Christmas Concert *in person* this year and we are kindly asking if each LCS family could bring a dozen goodies to enjoy together after the concert!

Thank-you!

Christmas Colours Dress-Up Day

On Thursday December 22nd, the student leadership team invites you to dress-up in Christmas colours: red, green, bows, tinsel, etc! A team point will be awarded for each member dressed up!



LCS Fundraising Movie

Thursday January 5th at 2:00pm
Join us for a fun afternoon to watch "The Star" at the Norgan Theatre in Palmerston
Tickets are \$15.00 each and includes popcorn and pop
To claim your ticket, please contact Teresa Rastorfer at teresarastorfer@gmail.com or 519-272-4837

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

This is our final **full** week of school before Christmas holidays. Mind you, as I look to next week it also looks pretty "full". I'm looking forward to the hustle and bustle in our classroom!

Bible: We are continuing to learn about Israel's moving into the Promised Land of Canaan.

Math: Today and tomorrow, we are wrestling with word problems. On Wednesday, we will have a test on addition and subtraction with regrouping and word problems.

Language: We will continue to work with the short 'o' sound made with 'ough' and 'wa' and 'al'.

Spelling words due Friday: watch, wash, wasp, swat, small, salt, bald, stall, thought, bought, fought, cough

Creation Studies: We have blasted off into space! We are learning about the sun and moon this week.

Christmas Program: Please, Please, Please continue to work with your children on their passage Luke 2:1-20. This week I am pushing to get through the rest of the verses: 13-20. The kids are doing so well. We definitely have a few leaders that are pulling us along. It would be nice to see ALL the children participating.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - We are learning our poem for the Christmas concert as our memory work. Students will need to know the poem by FRIDAY:

“Look at the candy cane and what do you see?
Stripes that are red like the blood shed for me.
White for my Saviour who is sinless and pure
“J” is for Jesus, my Lord, that’s for sure!
Turn it around and a staff you will see.
Jesus, my shepherd, was born for me.”

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

- **Trio Spelling Team**- crown, clip, fry, flower, crayon, clown, fruit, float, crib, clock, frame, fly, cry, clap, freckle, flashlight, crack, climb, freezer, crackers
- **Dynamite Spellers** - day, trade, nail, glass, stay, snail, grain, brave, play, grave, stand, slave, they, tray, may, gray, gain, taste, fail, say, shape, past, trash
- **Word Crushers** - boy, point, whole, soil, bowl, soy, spoil, join, coil, joy, foil, moist, joint, boil, toy, voice, coin, broil, cloak, choke, oil, stole, choice, loan
- **Spelling Chipmunks** - title, little, simple, middle, able, tremble, cable, single, settle, bottle, table, tickle, cradle, apple, puddle, giggle, jungle, maple, bugle, battle, handle, candle, sample, rifle

FRIDAY 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.

I Know It - due FRIDAY - “Multiplying 2-Digit by 1-Digit”.

Multiplication Movie Celebration - We are continuing our multiplication movie celebration, where students can earn tickets, popcorn, candy and a drink for a movie on our final day of school before Christmas holidays. In order to earn these items, students will need to correctly answer multiplication questions up to the 12 times table. We will be studying multiplication tips and tricks in class, but students should also be practicing their times tables at home!

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

We will be concluding our weather unit this week and then starting a brief(er) unit on Noel (i.e. Christmas) that will take us to the upcoming break.

Grade 4 and 5 students are reminded that their **Weather Report page is due tomorrow**, December 13th -- so, bring it along to class please.

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Love to you and yours as we ramp up before the Holy Days.

In and around Grade 5/6:

In **Bible** studies, over the coming two weeks, we will be reading the Christmas story as we prepare for our Christmas program. I have found significant reassurance in my faith as I read scripture and simply allow the Holy Spirit to guide my thoughts and reflections. I pray that this will occur as we as a class share in this story of Love, Hope, Peace and Joy.

For **math**, the students will be working in their math groups to accomplish some Christmas flavoured math activities. These will be due as the price of admission to the Christmas Movie spectacular happening on Thursday, December 22. Check in with your student to ensure steady working habits to accomplish this in due time.

We will be **reading** up to chapter 8 within *From Anna* before the Christmas break. The students are responsible for chapter 7 & 8 over this time, with reading comprehension quizzes occurring throughout these next two weeks.

The last sort of 2022 is in the **spelling** folder through G classroom. I look forward to witnessing more and more relative improvements within their day to day word use.

The **Classroom Cultural Christmas Market** (C.C.C.M) (Next Week, December 21st) should be a lot of fun! The students are gearing up to create/make and share in the cultures of others, connected through our beliefs in this season!

***This week we will use a Google Keep checklist to help them stay on top of these creations! ***

We will use our **classroom economy** to assist in the finances of the event. Other LCS classes will visit the **market** on Wednesday December 21 (next week). Each visiting student will be given **Chuck Bucks** depending on their grade level. The visitors will choose from the available treats/crafts/entertainment, depending on their interest. It should be exciting to watch it play out. I'd love to invite the community to come and join, but perhaps that would get a little too exciting! Thanks for your support from behind the scenes.

The students will be sharing their cultural findings / reports with their **buddies** from Grade 1 & 2 this **Thursday** afternoon.

The **Secret Santa** swaddled gifts are to be brought in this Friday. If students are struggling with these, please do not hesitate to get them to reach out. I am here to assist them. Something special for a fellow student does not have to be perfect, it just has to be touched with Love.

An extra **reminder** for the students to have their **French** written expressions of weather.

PSPE - Guest Road Hockey goalie this Friday... Triple Deke!

Memory Work: *A Hallelujah Christmas* (lyrics on the Bible G Classroom)

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

Students are to have two worksheets completed for Tuesday's class: How Heat is Generated and Thermal Energy from the Sun.

This week we will focus on **Thermal Expansion** and **Thermal Contraction** and then return to **Conduction, Convection,** and **Radiation** -- the three methods of heat transfer.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

There is a lot happening in these next two weeks! This is my favourite season of the year. I love the snow, the cozy fireplaces, cheesy Christmas movies, and time with family and friends. I recognize that it is not always filled with joy for all families though I pray with and for you. I also love teaching my kids and students the wonder of the season and what Jesus did for them through this season. I pray that as you and your family embark on this season, whether with joy or sorrow, that the story of Jesus' birth and the rest of the story that was started on that special day will bless you and provide hope and peace.

Bible: We are going to try to wrap up our unit focused on Paul before the Christmas holiday. Look for a test on **Tuesday, December 20**.

Memory Work: A Christmas Hallelujah. The students all have a copy of the lyrics and the lyric video has been posted on the Grade 7/8 Homeroom classroom on Google Classroom. We have been singing it a lot and will continue to throughout this week. The students will be asked to sing it in small groups this **Friday, December 16**.

Writing: We will be doing penmanship practice this week and next week, both in printing and cursive. We are focusing this review on the birth of Jesus as told in the Bible.

Guided Reading: We continue to read through Refugee.

W.W.W: Unit work due and test on **Friday, December 16**.

French: Students are working on writing their own conversational exchange to share with the class. We practiced with a pre-written script and will now be using that as a template to write our own conversation.

Healthy Living: Students were given time this past Friday to work on their current everfi unit. This was the last class time they will be given to work on this unit. It needs to be completed by the first week of March. So while that is a long time from now, I cautioned students on waiting too late to finish it and just take 10 to 15 minutes on evenings when they do not have homework to work on the unit until they have completed it. We also finished our class volleyball tournament last week with The Unknowns placing in first. They were closely followed by The Lards. Team Kachow placed 3rd with The Volcanos following them in 4th. Well played everyone!

Geography: We are going to be continuing our study of Global Settlement and the Patterns and Sustainability of the current methods of Settlement. Specifically, this week we will be looking at Settlement patterns and how they impact the land and spaces around them.

Art: We are going to be doing a couple things throughout this week. We will be finishing some of the props and images we need for our Christmas concert piece. We will also have a time to decorate our desks and see how creative we can be while still allowing for work to be completed and staying with the theme of Christmas.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

This week we will finish up our unit on fractions. Daily assignments will be provided, and we will have our unit test on Wednesday. Our next unit will be on Geometry, starting Thursday.

Gr 5/6 & Gr 7/8 Concert Details

Grade 5/6 and 7/8 are working together for the Christmas concert this year. We are excitedly preparing. If you know your child will not be at the performance either on Tuesday afternoon or Tuesday evening, please let me know as soon as possible as it impacts the roles that are given to different students. Thank you.



Grade 8 Students at Salvation Army

Grade 8s to the Salvation Army: On Wednesday December 14, the Grade 8 students will go to help the Salvation Army sort and prepare toys for their Christmas support of those who need encouragement at this time. We will walk there after lunch and return in time for the buses.