

January 30, 2023

Prayer

Every morning our staff meets together for devotions. As part of that practice, we pray through our list of families and our staff. Although we bring all prayer requests and joys to God daily, every week we specifically pray for four families and one staff member. After this week, we will have prayed through all our families and staff. It is good to mention and reflect on every one of you, thank God for you and your participation in our school, and lift you up to God for Him to support you in your parenting roles. There is power in prayer.

Some of the more recent things we have been praying for and have heard answers to are:

- Amanda VanderMeer had a very risky surgery last week. By all accounts, it was successful. We are thankful that God cared for her and now will encourage her through her recovery.
- Theo VanderGaast is home recovering from one surgery to install a stint in one artery. He is waiting to have two more installed (February 7th). We are thankful that his life was spared, that his first surgery was successful, and now we pray for his next surgery to also go well along with his recovery.
- Michelle Weishar was away two days last week. She will also be away on Monday (today), but we will be glad that she can return on Wednesday.
- Martine Rastorfer continues to gain physical strength for her daily activities.

Lastly, Saturday morning Henry Meinen's parents were in a car accident. His father did not survive the accident but his mother did. We ask for you join us to pray that God will provide all that the Meinens will need as they go through this time of sorrow, questions and grief. Pray for Henry and Melanie, their children: Gracie, Micah, Caleb, and Josiah, Henry's mother as well as their extended family.

God wants to hear from us when we give Him thanks but also when we plead with Him for help.

Help Wanted: We are looking for help with custodial duties to fill in for Theo for the next 4-6 weeks. If you are interested in this position, or know of someone who is, please let me know through email or phone call. Your interest could be for the full position or for a consistent part of it. Starting date could be immediately.

February Events

2- Hockey Tournament
17- PD Day, No School
20-Family Day

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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March Events

4- LCS Information morning
9am-12pm
13-17 March Break
20- Second Term Report Cards
go home
23- Basketball Tournament

Junior Kindergarten- Mrs. Baarda

This week we will be painting snowflakes and lacing mittens as we continue in our winter theme.

Our focus letter is letter Nn this week. We will be doing a letter find page and some sorting activities to help us practice the sound letter n makes and what the upper and lowercase N look like. We will also learn the Jolly Phonics song for N.

We have gotten a little behind in our printing, so this week we will catch up on some missed days.

In Bible, we will read about Esther, how she became a queen and how she helped to save her people.

In math, we will be comparing the length of different objects.

In gym this week, we will play "Snowky Pokey" and other group games.

Report Cards will be coming home this week for Junior Kindergarten. If you have any questions or concerns about report cards please let me know and we can discuss them. My email is p.baarda@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Tuesday is library day! Please remember to send in any books from last week so students can take home their new choices.

Senior Kindergarten- Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on short vowel Ee, rhyming words and syllable sort. We are reviewing the letter sound that we are learning and reading words. Today each student will bring home a reader titled "Sam". Some students will actually know how to read the words, others have memorized it, and some may not be able to read it. It would benefit your child if you could read it 2 or 3 times through and show him/her how to read from left to right, front to back, point to each word and encourage him/her to use the pictures to read the words. It is a great way to spend time together. Make reading a positive experience. Your child has many years of reading ahead of them.

In math, we will be comparing numbers from 1 to 10 to discover what is greater than, less than, and equal to. At the end of the week, the first math workbook will be coming home. Please use the empty pages for practice throughout the week or in the summer. It is yours to keep.

In Bible, we will learn about The Golden Calf and The Tabernacle. We will continue to review the memory verse.

We are beginning a healthy eating unit and will begin by learning what foods come from plants and which food come from animals. We will also learn about the "healthy plate."

Tuesday: Please return library books!

Thank you to all those who helped out with skating. It made for a great experience for staff and students. Thanks again!

Have a fantastic week!

Grade 1 - Mrs. Dykstra

Thanks to all the parents who came to help us tie skates. I hope students enjoyed the skating program.

Assembly: Pray for us as we prepare for the assembly on Friday (the 3rd) this week. It is at 9:40am and you are most welcome to join us. It is one way to invite others into the school to hear the story of faith told by Grade Ones and 4/5s.

Bible: God is faithful! We will have a mix of Joseph stories as well as preparation time for our assembly during Bible class this week. We are learning a song to try to put the words of Psalm 100 in our hearts and minds. It is on Seesaw if you care to check it out.

Reading: We practiced reading and writing words with the ng digraph and the ing trigraph. Our new sounds are double consonants. If a short vowel word or syllable ends with the /f/, /l/, /s/, or /z/ sound, it usually gets a double f, l, s, or z at the end. Spelling words this round are: staff, stiff, off, cuff, bell, fell, smell, spell, chess, dress, kiss, buzz. I'm going to change the dictation to a weekly event; students are showing they have the capacity to do more. So let's try it! Show what you know will be every Friday morning.

Word Study: We discussed how the words "about" and "would" do not follow the rules. Now we study the word "their."

Writing: We had so much fun with snowglobe stories last week that we have yet to begin our family stories. Daily we will write a few sentences about our families. Thank you for filling out the homework pages together; it will be a big help in the process.

Flat Stanley: Enjoy hosting this fun character in your home and remember to have your child fill their journal page with their at-home adventures with Stanley. Journals are due back by Monday, February 6. We will share them with our classmates.

Math: In our next unit, students will add and subtract using a variety of strategies and models (e.g., charts, drawing circles). They will count on, solve word problems, and write number sentences.

Creation Studies: We will craft a puppet version of our families, see what groups in God's world we belong to, and talk about changes in our lives over the last while.

Read aloud: Heartwood Hotel: A True Home, by Kallie George. This is a delightful chapter book series filled with tales of friendship, courage, and community. We have read 21 chapter books so far in Grade One!

Valentine's Day: On Tuesday, February 14th we will be celebrating Valentine's Day by exchanging valentine cards with our classmates. Please help your child prepare one card for each classmate. Our class is made up of the following fine students: Carina, Amy, Zach, Alex, Jesse, Joshua, Jordyn, Octavia, Kyle, Eli, Haven, Liam, Scotti, Judah, Colton, Logan, Ronella, Malcolm.

Announcements

Upcoming Pizza Days

Wed. Feb 1: New Orleans Pizza

Wed. Feb 15: Domino's Pizza

Hockey Tournament:

Thursday is our hockey tournament in Fergus. An email was sent over the weekend regarding transportation details. See you at the rink!

Battle of the Books

The JUNIOR team will be meeting every WEDNESDAY at SNACK RECESS. Students need to keep reading and studying questions for the books printed in their duotangs.

Senior Battle of the Books

Team members are expected to have read all the books or are working with me on a reading plan to have them done very shortly. They have all received question study books they can be looking through. We will start practices next week.

Lego Club

Lego Club is starting up for students in Grades 1 -4

I will be on Mondays and Thursdays at snack recess starting with Grade 4 on February 6

Grade 2- Mrs. Grundlingh

I hope you had a lovely weekend. The snow makes everything outside look so bright. After almost 6 years in Canada we are still amazed at the vast difference in seasons we are fortunate to experience as well as the detail God put into something as small as a snowflake. We serve an awesome God! Have a blessed week!

Here is an outline of our work for the week.

Math: We continue working on different shapes in geometry.

Writing: We need to complete our writing in pairs this week. With the snow days the past two weeks and partners that were sick last week, we couldn't quite finish our writing pieces. We will also start our individual narrative writing piece this week.

Spelling & phonics: We continue working on more final blends. I will also be evaluating their knowledge on final blends this week.

Please let me know by email or Whatsapp how your child is doing with his/her sight words. I will be sending home new sight words next week.

Library: Tuesdays is our library day! Please remind your children to pack their library books in their backpacks tonight.

Grade 2- Mrs. Koersen

Hello Families! Thanks for all the help with tying skates during our Friday skating times. I'm looking forward to getting back our double art period on Friday afternoons. Feel free to join us for our assembly Friday morning. Here's the plan for this week:

French: We will have a quiz on French numbers 1-20 on Friday.

Health: We will begin our first health unit this week!

Creation Studies: Since we are done with our building centres we will focus on materials that are man made or found in nature as well as discussing the sustainability of materials we use.

Bible: Last week, we continued to learn about different groups of people in Israel during the Intertestamentary period - particularly the Pharisees and Sadducees. This week we will learn about the Essenes and Zealots.

Memory Work: Micah 3:1 - keep practicing at home. We will finish with this in the next week or so.

Wet Clothing Reminder: Students have been changing wet pants and socks more frequently after recesses - please replenish these as wet clothing comes home in backpacks. An extra pair of gloves/mittens may also be handy for our avid snow structure constructors. :)

Grade 3- Mrs. Claus

I wonder if we'll have a full week of school this week? I sure hope so!

Math: We are finishing up our mental math unit this week with a math test to follow at the beginning of next week.

Language: We are focusing on the hard and soft 'c' and 'g' this week. Our spelling test will be on Friday:

card, code, cuff, cell, city, cent, gave, golf, guilt, gym, gem, gist

Bible: Last week was, once again, a short week so we did not get anything further in Bible. We will continue today.

Science: Our space unit is coming to a close this week. We will finish up and review this week.

Grade 4 and 5 - Mrs. Delleman

Bible - We have finished our unit on "Judges" and will have our quiz on WEDNESDAY. Students will need to study the chart of judges and be familiar with the stories. Smartboard notes will be sent home, as well as duotangs, the night before.

Creation Studies - We are finishing our unit on Rocks and Minerals and will have a quiz on THURSDAY. Students will need to know the difference between a rock and mineral, the different types of rocks (how they are formed), the rock cycle, why it is important to recycle minerals, and the uses of different minerals.

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

Trio Spelling Team- price, drill, trap, pray, dress, tracks, prize, drip, tractor, pretzel, dream, triangle, dragon, truck, drive
Dynamite Spellers - grew, truth, dune, trunk, chew, do, due, brush, glue, fume, junk, true, stuck, flew, stew, knew, crew, blew, dew

Word Crushers - caught, paws, straw, fault, law, claw, sauce, taught, draw, laugh, haul, pause, song, frost, hawk, crawl, dawn, lawn, vault, shawl, cloth

Spelling Chipmunks - doctor, spider, sugar, brother, collar, favor, solar, sister, silver, weather, error, mother, flower, father, mirror, under, rumor, motor, tractor, grammar, harbor

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 - "Fact Families (Multiplication and Division up to 12)"

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

This week we will look briefly at the verb AVOIR (=to have) as we build some simple sentences related to having classroom objects (i.e. *"What do you have/does he or she have?"*). Wednesday's classes will include an assessment of student ability to match the classroom object with its image; please note that some students on IEP's will be assessed orally rather than on paper. Time permitting, we will also pull in prepositions of place (in/on/under/in front of/behind) relative to the location of a specified classroom object and that of a student so as to answer the question *"Where is _____ ?"*

Grade 5/6- Mr. Siebenga

Hello, there is some beautiful snow out there! Enjoy the powder!!

In Biblical Studies we carry on with King Josiah. This child king grew with God, he even walked with God like David. However, even a God-fearing man as Josiah was imperfect and strayed from the commands of the Lord. For this he was lost in battle, and this set a course that would see Judah exiled to Babylon. The end of the unit rallies around Jeremiah and his prophecies that the people of Judah must cling to for hope!

In Geometry the two grades will both be studying the use of a protractor, degrees reflexing 180 degrees and congruence of shapes. Keep checking in with your students as each day they have a good opportunity to get some valued practice in.

In Literature, From Anna will continue with chapters 15 and 16 being explored this week. A deeper dive into who our main character is as she interacts with her siblings, their place within Canada, and the upcoming holiday season will enable the moral and plot development to take more shape.

Thank you to those who drank a lot of soda pop on the weekend, or finished up that extra pile of laundry. All in the name of education. :) Within our Energy conservation/electricity unit, we will be creating two models to explore the harnessing of energy. These activity breakdowns are now posted on the G. Classroom. From here we'll look at the individuals who first discovered the ability to harness and apply this technology in the industrial era, and how they achieved it. The hope with these models and experiments is to get the students thinking creatively, and intuitively, as they will apply our learning in designs and creations in their culminating activities in a month or so from now. Get tinkering!

We still have some MAP tests to finish this week.

Memory Work:

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Grade 7/8 Science- Ms. VanKampen

**Readings and questions assigned last Tuesday, January 24 are due for submission tomorrow/Tuesday. Students need to be sure to follow the outline that was provided. Topics covered: Heating our Homes, Renewable and Non-Renewable Energy, Energy Efficient Homes, and Net-Zero Homes.

This entry is a repeat from the January 16 th Messenger as we lost our science blocks that week due to inclement weather days.

As we continue our unit on **Heat in the Environment**, the bulk of our focus this week will be on greenhouse gases, the Greenhouse Effect, human activities that contribute to this reality, ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and the relationship between the strength of economies around the world versus their greenhouse gas emissions. Some online research will be occurring to support our textual readings.

Grade 7/8- Mrs. Vogel

Bible - Students wrote their unit 2 test today and will have it back hopefully by the end of the week. We will be doing a short mini project on the Cloud of Witnesses that surrounds us as well as starting our next unit called "The Long Walk Home". This unit focuses on spiritual growth and the importance of prayer and reading the Bible.

Geography - After missing a number of Geography classes because of ice days and skating we are finally back on track!

Art - Students finished their 6 pointed, geometrically designed snowflakes and they are on display in the hallway. Well done!

French - Students finished the unit assessments in class last week, and we will be starting a new unit focusing on some grammar rules and writing in French.

Healthy Living - After a bit of a break for skating and the snow days, just a reminder that Phys. Ed is on Wednesday and Friday. We are currently studying the sport of badminton.

Writing - We are going to be incorporating writing skills into other unit work and continue to work on grammar identification and correction. At this point, students are expected to use full sentences including capitals and periods in each sentence. Failure to do so in work that is marked will result in a loss of marks.

Guided Reading - We continue to study the book "Refugee" by Alan Gratz.

W.W.W. - Unit 10 work is due and the test will take place this Friday, February 3.

Grade 7/8 Math- Mr. Boelens

Math: We continue to work through our data management unit. This week we will be entering data and drawing graphs on computer. Mid unit reviews are due on Thursday. Daily homework is assigned.